

A photograph of a weathered wooden crosspost in a lush green field. A dirt path leads from the foreground towards the background, curving to the right. The sky is overcast.

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Many are misinformed about the issue of “judging.” They misuse passages like Matthew 7:1 (“Judge not, that ye be not judged”) in order to convince us that ALL judging is sinful. But Jesus said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24). Simply put, this means that judging is both forbidden and commanded! Let’s see if we can learn when TO judge – and when NOT to! In view of the distinctions noted here, let us learn the difference between proper and improper judging!



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IMPROPER JUDGING

- ✓ Judging hypocritically (Romans 2:1-3)
- ✓ Judging harshly and unmercifully (James 2:13a)
- ✓ Judging without all the facts (Proverbs 18:13; John 7:51)
- ✓ Judging by my opinions (Romans 14:1-5, 13; 2 Corinthians 10:12)
- ✓ Judging in arrogance (Luke 18:9-14)
- ✓ Judging another's thoughts & motives (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- ✓ Judging others vs. doing God's law (James 4:11-12)
- ✓ Judging others “as God” (1 Corinthians 4:3-5)

PROPER JUDGING

- ✓ Judging without hypocrisy (Matthew 7:5)
- ✓ Judging mercifully (James 2:13b)
- ✓ Judging fairly/impartially (Proverbs 18:5, 17; 24:23-25)
- ✓ Judging by God's word (John 7:24)
- ✓ Judging in humility (2 Timothy 2:24-26)
- ✓ Judging to correct error (Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20)
- ✓ Church or civil discipline (1 Corinthians 5; Romans 13:1-7)
- ✓ Judging ourselves by God's law (2 Corinthians 13:5)



-Lanny Smith



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