

LIFE APP

SOMETHING NEW

JUDGE NOT

September 26-27, 2015

Matthew 7:1-5 NIV: *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”*

GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

People were amazed by the teachings of Jesus but they were often baffled as well because He was constantly teaching “something new” – something different from what they had always believed. Not only did He tell people that it is possible for us to “sin not” but then He proceeded to tell them that it is possible for us to “judge not.” The way Jesus taught about judging others was definitely something new and it may be something new for us to consider as well. If we’re really honest don’t we spend a great deal of time judging others? This week we’re going to study and think about what Jesus taught about judging.

Read Matthew 7:1-5:

1A) Why did Jesus say that we are to judge not? Verse 1

1B) What will be the result if we do judge? Verse 2

1C) What was the term Jesus used in verse 5 to describe those people who seem to love to judge others?

2A) If we are tempted to judge someone else, what are we supposed to do first? Verse 5

2B) Why is this important?

Read Matthew 7:12:

3) How does this passage relate to this “new” idea of not judging?

Read Matthew 7:15-20:

4A) PERSONAL: Explain how you think we can follow the instructions Jesus gave us in this passage and it not be considered judging?

4B) How do the following verses confirm that this action is necessary on our part?

1 Corinthians 5:12-13:

2 Corinthians 11:13-15:

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22:

5) According to the following verses how do we get involved in others' lives without judging them?

John 13:34:

Galatians 6:1-2:

6) PERSONAL: Describe either a time that you felt judged by others and how you responded or when you found yourself judging someone else. How might you respond differently in either instance now that you've learned what Jesus said about judging others?

ACT: Jesus tells us to “judge not.” This is possible only when we are obedient to His new command – to love one another. So as we look at others, we must stop and look at ourselves first and then at God to make sure that we are right with Him. Then if we will love one another and do our best to help and care for one another, we will not be tempted to judge others at all. That will not be the attitude of our hearts. Instead, we will be interested in lifting them up and helping to carry their burdens as an expression of our love for them and our love for God.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- Every day read a passage about judging. Discover that Scripture tells us over and over again that judgment belongs to God – not to us. We're not to judge others – we're to love them.

Monday:

Deuteronomy 1:16-17 NIV

And I charged your judges at that time: Hear the disputes between your brothers and judge fairly, whether the case is between brother Israelites or between one of them and an alien. Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God.

Tuesday:

Proverbs 8:13-14 NIV

To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power.

Wednesday:

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NLT

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey His commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Thursday:

Isaiah 66:14-16 NLT

When you see these things, your heart will rejoice. You will flourish like the grass. Everyone will see the LORD's hand of blessing on His servants—and His anger against His enemies. See, the LORD is coming with fire, and His swift chariots roar like a whirlwind. He will bring punishment with the fury of His anger and the flaming fire of His hot rebuke. The LORD will punish the world by fire and by His sword. He will judge the earth, and many will be killed by Him.

Friday:

John 5:22-23 NIV

Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent Him.

Saturday:

John 7:24 NIV

“Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”

Sunday:

Romans 14:12-13 NIV

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.

