

HOW TO JUDGE

JUDGMENT AS A TOOL OF GROWTH

“But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”

- 1 Corinthians 2:15

1. Defining Judgment

- a. David prays for judgment – Psalm 26:1
- b. The ungodly scorn judgment – Prov 19:28, but... 21:3
- c. Judgment requires knowledge – 1 Cor 4:3-4
- d. Judgment brings understanding – Prov 28:5, 1 Cor 2:13, 2 Tim 2:7
- e. Judgment breeds wisdom – 1 Cor 6:5, 1 Cor 10:15
- f. Judgment *def.* – Determinations made by comparing facts – Exo 18:6
- g. God vs. Man’s judgment – One is perfect and authoritative; the other not
- h. The church lacks the will of God because it lacks judgment

2. Our Need to Judge All Things

- a. We are instructed to judge all things! – 1 Cor 2:13, 1 Cor 10:15, 11:13
- b. We are to abound our love in knowledge and judgment – Phil 1:9-11
- c. We are light and are to have understanding – Eph 5:8-17, Col 1:9
- d. We are to be fully persuaded – Romans 14:5
- e. Study, hold fast, no other doctrine ... 2 Tim 2:15, 1:13, 1 Tim 1:3
- f. We will need to judge in heaven – 1 Cor 6:3, Eph 2:6-7

3. What Do We Judge

- a. Spiritual things - 1 Cor 2:9-13, 3:1-2
- b. Sound doctrine – Col 2:7-8, 16, Phil 1:9-11
- c. Godly behavior – 1 Cor 5:11-6:5
- d. Judge all things – the natural things, and the spiritual things – 1 Cor 2:14-16

4. How to Judge

- a. Judge godly – Romans 1:17-19, 32
- b. Judge according to truth – Romans 2:2,11,16 (Mat 7:1, James 2:4)
- c. Judge in yourselves - 1 Cor 11:13, Rom 14:3-13
- d. Judge according to knowledge – 1 Corinthians 4:2-5
- e. Be merciful (even better, be gracious) – Col 3:12, Eph 4:32