

HOW TO JUDGE LIKE JESUS
How to Face Life's Challenges #4
September 17, 2023

Big Idea: Judge to _____ people to _____ not push them _____.

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING LIKE JESUS

1. Judge the person in the _____ first. (Matt. 7:1-5)
 - Judging yourself first inspires _____.
 - Judging yourself first enhances _____.
 - Judging yourself first improves _____.

2. Judge your _____ before you judge people. (Luke 18:9-14; Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:29)
 - Seek redemption not _____ or _____.
 - Pick people _____; don't put them _____.

3. Judge with _____ seasoned with _____. (John 1:14; 3:9-14)
 - Grace without truth is mere _____.
 - Truth without grace is just _____.
 - Truth with grace is redemptive _____.

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON JUDGING

Monday

Read the full story of Jesus' meeting with Nicodemus in John 3:1-36. How did Jesus judge him? What was Jesus motive? How did Jesus judge with both truth and grace? How did Jesus' judgment prove to be redemptive? (John 19:38-42) Does your judgment of people draw them closer to Jesus or push them away?

Tuesday

Read Galatians 6:1-5. How does Paul tell us to judge the person in the mirror before judging someone who has fallen into sin? What role does both truth and grace have in restoring someone who has sinned? Is there someone you need to work to restore?

Wednesday

Read Mark 10:17-31. The rich young man who came to Jesus was an exceptionally good person and yet Jesus judged him. What was Jesus motive? What would have been the result of this meeting if Jesus had not spoken truth to him? The man left Jesus knowing the truth and knowing Jesus cared for him. Do you need to judge someone in your life with truth and grace?

Thursday

Read 1 Corinthians 5:12-13. What is the difference in how we are to judge fellow Christians vs those outside the faith? How does Paul do this in his second letter to Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:19-13:10). Paul was direct in his judgement each time. What were his motives (v. 5-9)?

Friday

Read Matthew 23. Why was Jesus so hard on the scribes and Pharisees? Remember that they were the religious leaders of the Jews. It's hard to see any grace in his words, but what was his motive in being so blunt with them (v. 34-39)? Jesus was never this blunt with tax collectors, "sinners" or Gentiles. Why? How do Jesus' actions align with what Paul said about judging insiders and outsiders?