

THE DANGER OF JUDGING OTHERS

Truth that Transforms - Part 4

Romans 2:1-16

There is one sin that you will probably have to deal with more often than any other sin in your life. It is so subtle, it often catches us by surprise. Paul clearly identifies this tendency in this section of Romans.

I. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO JUDGE OTHERS Romans 2:1-5

("krino" doesn't mean evaluate, analyze, discriminate or discern) **It literally means condemn.**

4 characteristics of a self-righteous person:

(vs. 1) **1. He accuses others and excuses himself.**

a.) We label our own sin. _____

b.) We conveniently forget our own sin. _____

(vs. 2) **2. He measures other people by the wrong standard.**

(vs. 3) **3. He thinks that judging others puts him in a better position.**

a.) "His sin is worse than mine!" Does that negate your own sin?

(vs. 4) **4. He misinterprets God's blessing on his life.**

When is it wrong to judge others:

1. It's wrong to judge when you practice the same sin. Rom 2:1-3

2. When it blinds you to your own faults. *"Do not judge! [That's a command. Right from the mouth of Jesus!] or you will be judged. In the same way you judge others, you will be judged. The measure you use, it will be measured to you."* Matt. 7:1-3

3. It's wrong to judge when you draw conclusions based on outward appearance. *"Stop judging by mere appearance and make a right judgement."* John 7:24

4. It's wrong to judge when you condemn somebody else before hearing the facts. *"Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he's doing?"* No. John 7:51

5. You are wrong when you judge a person's spirituality on the basis of external observances. *"Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink or with regard to religious festival, a new moon celebration, or a Sabbath day."* Col. 2:16

7. Nothing -- how is that possible? *"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time. Wait until the Lord comes and He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts."* 1 Cor. 4:5 In v. 3 Paul says, *"I care very little if I'm judged by you or by any human court. Indeed, I don't even judge myself. My conscious is clear but that doesn't make me innocent. It's the Lord who judges me."*

II. ONLY GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO JUDGE OTHERS

Romans 2:6-16

When God will judge people: (vs. 16)

How God will judge people:

(vs. 2)

(vs. 11)

What we will be judged for:

(vs. 6-10)

(vs. 12-15)

(vs. 16)

Our only hope: Rev. 20:12-15; John 3:16-17; John 5:24