

# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

James 2:10–13; 4:11,12

Matthew 7:1-6

Luke 6:35–45

John 7:21-24





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## **James 4:11–12 (NKJV)**

**<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.**

**He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup> There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.**

**Who are you to judge another?**



# Matthew 7:1–6 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. <sup>6</sup> “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.



## **Luke 6:35–45 (NKJV)**

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. <sup>37</sup> “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” <sup>39</sup> And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.



## Luke 6:35–45 (NKJV)

<sup>41</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite!

First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye. <sup>43</sup> "For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.



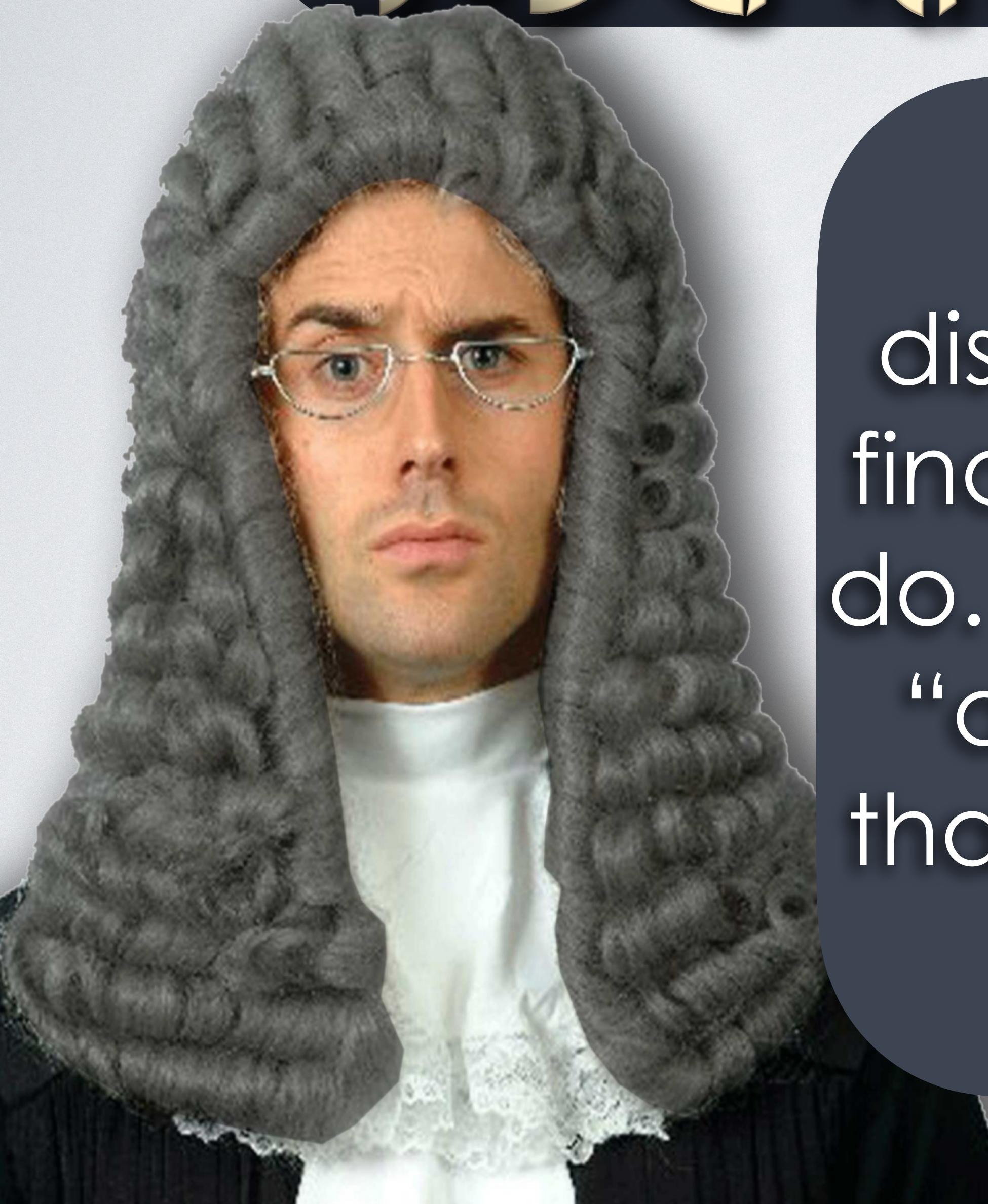
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“If you harshly judge others, then you can expect to be harshly judged by the Judge of all” – [Hare, 77]



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“A hypercritical, hypocritical disease of the soul that constantly finds fault with what others say and do. It is the attitude of the critic who “arrogantly assumes a superiority that entitles him or her to assess the failings of others,” [Hare, 76]



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“The law of charity requires us to put the best construction we can on doubtful actions, and never without proof ascribe good ones to evil principles or motives. . . . We are not to close our eyes to sin or wink at sin – But it is also wrong to hunt for something to condemn and seize upon every trifle and magnify molehills into mountains.” — [Arthur W. Pink, 266]



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## James 4:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law.

- "Brethren" ought to live together in love and harmony (Ps 133:1)
- Yet, (as seen in 3:14-4:11), worldly, and ungodly wisdom still has too much influence in the lives of Christians.
- The heart, when governed by worldly wisdom, often expresses itself in ungodly speech and actions (3:1-13; 1:26; 5:12)



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- “Do not speak evil of one another,” - Lit - “Speak not one against another” (μη καταλαλείτε ἀλληλων [mē katalaleite allēlōn] (i.e., 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16).
- Those who speak evil of others, or slander others is acting like the devil.



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- There are many ways we can speak evil of others:
  - ▶ By cursing them
  - ▶ By false accusations
  - ▶ By criticizing everything they do
  - ▶ By exaggerating their faults
- We should be building up our brethren, not trying to tear them down. (Heb 10:24)



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He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother

Judge: κρίνω **Trans:** krinō – **Pron:** kree'-no - v

- ✦ **Mounce:** ... to separate; to make a distinction between; to exercise judgment upon; to estimate, Rom. 14:5; to judge, to assume censorial power over, to call to account, Mt. 7:1; Lk. 6:37; Rom. 2:1, 3; 14:3, 4, 10, 13; Col. 2:16; Jas. 4:11, 12;
- ✦ **BDAG:** ... <sup>b</sup>. esp. pass an unfavorable judgment upon, criticize, find fault with, condemn (Ro 2:1abc, 3; 14:3f, 10, 13a; Col 2:16; Js 4:11,





# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

Not Forbidding All Types of Judgment

**Wise Discrimination Essential**

Not By Appearance, But Righteousness

**John 7:24 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> Do not judge according to appearance,  
but judge with righteous judgment."

Scriptures Require That We Distinguish Between  
Right & Wrong, Truth & Error, Good & Evil . . .





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The Spiritual Tests All Things

**1 Corinthians 2:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things,  
yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

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**Wise Discrimination Essential**

Sin & Sinners Within The Church To Be Identified

**I Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

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**Romans 16:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

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**Wise Discrimination Essential**

Test The Teaching of Men



**I John 4:1 (NKJV)**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:35-45

**Text actually instructs us to make wise discernment!**

Look Out For Logs – Dogs – Hogs – Wolves



Mat 7:3



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:6

Mat 7:6



Mat 7:15-20



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He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother



- Many in our day are opposed to moral and theological absolutes (2 Tim. 4:2-4; 2 John 3:19)
- It is NOT unloving to call sin, sin! (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Gal. 5:19-21)
- It is unloving NOT to call sin, sin! (Mt 18:15; Eph. 5:11; Le. 19:17-18; etc.)



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## **Leviticus 19:17-18 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.



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**IT IS ALWAYS WRONG TO JUDGE:**



- Presumptively
- Hastily or rashly
- Unmercifully
- Magisterially
- Hypocritically
- Unlovingly!



# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

Why “SLANDER” & “JUDGE” Others?



- Because of our own iniquity (Mat. 7:3; Rom. 2:1-3)
- Because of self righteousness (Luke 18:9-14; 2 Cor. 10:12)
- Because of a lack of knowledge (1 Co. 4:3-5; Pro. 18:13; Rom. 14)
- Because of our insensitivity (Luke 19:10; Rom. 9:1-3; 10:1-3)



# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

speaks evil of the law / judges the law



- To condemn, belittle, or discard others as insignificant - our actions assert the Law is wrong, or not necessary for us to keep. ...
- Such is a violation of the Law of love (2:8; Mark 12:29-31)
- To be unmerciful in our dealings with others is to claim we do not need the mercy of God.



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Who are you to judge another?



- It is not our place to be judge and jury of any human being (Rom 14:4,4)
- How much more when our condemnatory actions are unjust - stemming from pride & ungodly attitudes?



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THE TEACHING OF JESUS ...

**Matthew 7:5**

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.





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## THE TEACHING OF JESUS ...



- We must engage in honest & Serious introspection (2 Cor. 13:5)
- Correcting our own sinful actions and attitudes so we can effectively help others (Gal. 6:1-3)
- We need Sufficient humility to deal patiently with others (Titus 3:2,3)



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## THE TEACHING OF JESUS ...



- With Love and Mercy
- With Knowledge of God's Law,
- With Knowledge of Circumstances
- With Substantial Evidence - (not presumption or assumption)
- Without Prejudice!



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## THE TEACHING OF JESUS ...



- With The Understanding That **Whatever Standard I Use** to judge the actions of others **Will Be Used Against Me** (Lk 6:38; Jam 2:13; Mat. 18:32–35)
- In all our dealings with others, we need to remember we are not to be the agents of the Lord's judgment, but of His salvation.



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The Judge  
Is Coming!



**Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance  
God overlooked, but now  
commands all men everywhere to  
repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed  
a day on which He will judge the  
world in righteousness by the Man  
whom He has ordained. He has  
given assurance of this to all by  
raising Him from the dead."



# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

The Judge  
Is Coming!



- ▶ He knows our sins –
- ▶ He knows our capabilities & shortcomings –
- ▶ He knows our heart, our motives, our thoughts, our attitudes!
- ▶ Do you need the Lord's mercy and forgiveness?



# JUDGMENT WITHOUT MERCY

The Judge  
Is Coming!



- ▶ We ALL need the LORD'S MERCY (Rom. 3:23; 5:8-10)
- ▶ HEAR, BELIEVE , and OBEY the GOSPEL (Rom 10:9-17; John 8:24; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-18)
- ▶ FOLLOW the LORD (Mt. 28:19,20; Lk 6:40)



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A hand holding a gavel over a scale of justice. The gavel is dark wood with a brass band. The scale is also dark wood. The background is dark and textured.



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