

## Care in Personal Judgment

**Matthew 7:2- For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.** (KJV)

Great care is required in making personal judgments because of the consequences. Personal judgments made in the course of life have a cumulative and lasting effect. The person making judgments can expect the same type of judgments for the self. Believers do well to think about the far-reaching effects of judgments being made. God's view of judgments is a factor for believers to weigh and carefully consider.

**John 5:22-For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ will be the Great and Final Judge at the Second Coming. Every moment is an opportunity to prepare for the end of life and final judgment. A person never knows when the last breath will occur and earthly life will end. The present moments of life are to be valued and used with the greatest of wisdom. Being quick and harsh to judge others puts a person in a very precarious position.

**Romans 14:10-But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

(KJV)  
Many events and occurrences in earthly life are deeply disconcerting to believers. Focusing on personal sinfulness and the need to repent is enough for each believer. God knows what occurs in each person and outward behavior is not the full story. Inward repentance may exist in others that is known only to God but not to others. Love, mercy and forgiveness have a primary place in interpersonal relationships.

**2 Corinthians 5:10-For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.** (KJV)

Every person faces the Final Judgment and every moment of life is on the record. Repentance continuously throughout life puts a believer in a better ending position. Delaying repentance is perilous for the believer's soul and the Last Judgment. The Lord is good and merciful and always gives believers opportunities to repent. Good and bad hidden actions are known to the All-Knowing and All-Seeing God.

**Philippians 1:9-And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;** (KJV)

Healthy fear and love of God have a place in the Christian's development in life. The Christian life is an on-going growth process in Christ until the very end of life. Believers have to work through the temptations and trials of life to grow in Christ. Maturing in love and making love real in personal relationships takes hard work. Being a serious Christian requires the believer to always keep Christ in mind.

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