

Making Judgements

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 the making of judgments because of the ramifications. Personal relationships are deeply and permanently affected by judgments made. Love, compassion and great care are essential in the making of any judgments. The Lord's teachings give lasting wisdom for any form of judgment making. When making judgments, believers need to consider the effects upon the self. Judgments made serve as record of the essence of the maker of the judgments.

Luke 6:37- Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: (KJV)

Love, compassion and forgiveness are fundamentally expected of the believer. When considering others in personal relationships, forgiveness is fundamental. Every Christian believer commits sins to a greater degree than is normally realized. A careful and honest self-examination will reveal the great extent of personal sin. Repenting and correcting the self is a valid priority of action for serious believers. The Lord provides guidance for believers seeking to repent and to begin anew.

John 12:47- And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. (KJV)

Christ seeks to save sinners and is ever present for believers seeking to repent. Choosing to heed the teachings and offer of salvation from Christ is voluntary. Individuals choosing to reject Christ assume the responsibility for the action. Love is the best lens through which believers view others in daily relationships. The way a person lives daily reveals the essence of the values in the heart and soul. Personal values are manifested in daily relationships and form a record for Christ.

Romans 14:4- Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Each person takes on the responsibility for his or her behavior at Holy Baptism. Christ is ever present to nourish, guide and assist the believer in life's journey. The Mother of God and the lives of the saints show the path forward for salvation. The judging of others in their life's journey is perilous to the soul of the believer. God's guidance, mercy and nourishment help the believer travel the narrow path. The Kingdom of God and eternal life are the primary goals embraced at Baptism.

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