



# What to do with the Judgmental Spirit

One of the most difficult things we face in trying to develop the mind of Jesus is what to think of others whom we disagree with. What about those who are doing wrong?

## A. Two Things Can Arise From A Judgmental Spirit

- 1.
- 2.

## B. One of the most common negative statements about Christians is that they are too judgmental

1. That leads to some wanting to avoid worship for fear of:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong thing
- \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong thing
- \_\_\_\_\_ something wrong

2. The Christian is bothered because saying nothing might lead to the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ or even \_\_\_\_\_ what is wrong

- At most funerals, the questions begin and the speculation swirls– was the deceased a Christian?

- Some would love to be the official “police” of the church

How do we balance love and correction?

### There are Some Classic Examples in the Bible of Judgmental Spirits

- ▶ Job’s friends
- ▶ David’s response to Nathan’s parable about a stolen lamb
- ▶ Jonah
- ▶ Prodigal’s older brother
- ▶ Pharisees who claimed:
  - Jesus associated with wrong people (Lk 15:1-2)
  - His disciples did not wash their hands right (Mt 15:2)
  - His disciples worked on Sabbath (Mt 12:1-2)
  - Jesus broke the Sabbath by healing (Lk 13:14)
- ▶ James and John wanted to call fire down upon unbelievers (Lk 9:54)

Once someone has been found in the “wrong,” what generally happens next? What should happen?

### How Do We Deal with a Critical Spirit?

1. Everyone that Jesus encountered was a \_\_\_\_\_
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ we use will be used for us (Mt 7:1)
  - merciless to have no mercy (Jas 2:13)
3. We can \_\_\_\_\_ relationships because we try to win every \_\_\_\_\_
  - Keep the big picture in mind—which is: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Put yourselves in their \_\_\_\_\_: that’s called the Golden Rule
5. Remember we are saved by \_\_\_\_\_ and not perfection
6. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with all (1 Thes 5:14)
7. Seek to \_\_\_\_\_, not crush
  - remain \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 6:1; 2 Tim 2:25)
  - there is a time and a place to \_\_\_\_\_ from Scriptures (Acts 17:2-3)
8. Make people be \_\_\_\_\_ to see you and not run in fear
9. Pour more attention in \_\_\_\_\_ walk with the Lord (Gal 6:1)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ to have a heart like Jesus

- This leads to a spirit that is suspicious and constantly watching others (Lk 6:7; 14:1)

