

## A FAITH THAT KEEPS ME FROM PLAYING GOD IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

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### JAMES 4:11-12

"Brothers and sisters, never say bad things about each other. Anytime you speak against fellow believers or you judge and bad-mouth them, you judge and condemn God's Law! And when you judge God's Law you aren't keeping it yourself! Instead, you set yourself up as the Judge! Remember, God is the only true Lawgiver and Judge! He alone has the authority to save or to destroy. So then, who are you? And what gives you the right to pass judgment on others?"

### WHY ARE WE SO QUICK TO JUDGE OTHERS?

#### 1. GUILT: WE WANT TO EXCUSE OUR OWN \_\_\_\_\_

"When you, a mere human, pass judgment on others, do you think that by pointing your finger at others you will distract God from seeing all your misdoings and keep him from judging you?" - Romans 2:3 (The Message/NIV)

#### 2. PRIDE: WE WANT TO WE WANT TO FEEL SUPERIOR TO OTHER PEOPLE

Job: "You are trying to make yourselves look better than me by using my disgrace as an argument against me." - Job 19:5 (GW)

### WHY SHOULD I NOT JUDGE OTHERS?

#### 1. JUDGING OTHERS IS UNLOVING

"The Royal Law found in the Scripture is 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself!' If you obey this law, you do the right thing." - James 2:8

"Anytime you speak against fellow believers, or you judge or bad-mouth them, you judge and condemn God's Law!" - James 4:11

#### 2. JUDGING OTHERS IS \_\_\_\_\_'S JOB, NOT MINE

"Remember, God is the only true Lawgiver and Judge! He alone has the authority to save or to destroy. So then, who are you? And what gives you the right to pass judgment on others?" - James 4:12

"Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own Master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand." - Romans 14:4 (NIV)

#### 3. JUDGING OTHERS IS UNCHRISTIAN

"God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him!" - John 3:17 (NCV)

### HOW CAN I LEARN TO BE LESS JUDGMENTAL?

#### 1. REMEMBER I'M NOT THE \_\_\_\_\_

"We should never dare to classify or compare ourselves like those who rate themselves so highly. How foolish they are! They make up their own standards to measure themselves by, and then judge themselves by their own standards!" - 2 Corinthians 10:12

#### 2. REMEMBER I DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY

"It is shameful and stupid to decide before knowing the facts!" - Proverbs 18:13

Jesus: "Stop judging by appearances." - John 7:24 (NIV)

#### 3. REMEMBER I NEVER KNOW ANYONE'S \_\_\_\_\_

"No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like except that person himself." - 1 Corinthians 2:11 (LB)

"Therefore judge no one before the appointed time; wait till the Lord returns. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and he will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive the right praise from God." - 1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)

#### 4. REMEMBER I HAVE BLIND SPOTS THAT I CAN'T SEE

Jesus: "Why are you so concerned about a speck of sawdust in someone else's eye when you have a huge log in your own eye? How dare you say, 'Let me get that speck out of your eye!' . . . Instead judge yourself and first remove the log in your own eye so you can see clearly to help others." - Matthew 7:3-5

"If we judged ourselves in the right way, God would not judge us." - 1 Corinthians 11:31 (NCV)

#### 5. REMEMBER TO \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST

Nicodemus: "According to God's Law we cannot judge people before listening to them and hearing what they've done." - John 7:51

#### 6. REMEMBER I'LL BE JUDGED BY THE STANDARD I USE

Jesus: "Do not judge others, or YOU too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged! And with the same measure you use, YOU will be measured!" - Matthew 7:1-2

"You have no right to criticize your brother or look down on him. Remember, each of us will stand personally before the Judgment Seat of God. . . . Yes, each of us will have to give an account of himself to God. So then, don't criticize each other anymore!" - Romans 14:10,12-13

#### 7. REMEMBER HOW GOD HAS SHOWN ME HIS \_\_\_\_\_

"It is by free grace that you are saved and delivered from judgment through your faith. And this salvation is not of your own doing. It is God's gift to you!" - Ephesians 2:8

## 讓我不在別人生命中充當上帝的信心

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## 雅各書 4:11-12

“弟兄姊妹們，千萬不要說對方的壞話。你何時批評其他信徒，或是論斷他們、詆譭他們，就是論斷和譴責上帝的律法！當你論斷上帝的律法，你自己就沒有遵守它！而是準備讓自己成為審判者！記著，唯獨上帝是真正的立法者和審判者；唯獨他有權力去拯救或毀滅。那麼，你是誰呢？有甚麼給你權利去審判別人呢？”

## 為何我們會一下子就去論斷別人？

## 1. 內疚：我們想為自己的\_\_\_\_\_找藉口

“當你這凡人論斷別人，你是否以為指責別人，就可以讓上帝看不見你的惡行，也令他不審判你？”  
- 羅馬書 2:3 (The Message/NIV 意譯)

## 2. 驕傲：我們想覺得自己比別人優越

約伯：“你們想令自己看起來比我好，就以我的羞辱，作為攻擊我的論據。”  
- 約伯記 19:5 (GW 意譯)

## 為何我不應論斷別人？

## 1. 論斷別人是沒有愛心

“聖經裏至尊的律法就是「愛鄰舍如同自己」！如果你遵守這律法，你就做得對了。”  
- 雅各書 2:8

“你何時批評其他信徒，或是論斷他們、詆譭他們，就是論斷和譴責上帝的律法！”  
- 雅各書 4:11

## 2. 審判人是\_\_\_\_\_的工作，不是我的

“記著，唯獨上帝是真正的立法者和審判者；唯獨他有權力去拯救或毀滅。那麼，你是誰呢？有甚麼給你權利去審判別人呢？”  
- 雅各書 4:12 (意譯)

“你到底是誰，竟然評斷別人的僕人？他或站穩或跌倒，是他自己主人的事；而且他會站得住，因為主能使他站得住。”  
- 羅馬書 14:4 (中文標準譯本)

## 3. 論斷別人不合乎基督樣式

“上帝差他的兒子到世上來，不是要定世人的罪，而是要藉着他拯救世人！”  
- 約翰福音 3:17 (NCV 意譯)

## 如何才能學會不輕易地論斷別人？

## 1. 要緊記「我」並不是\_\_\_\_\_

“別那麼大膽，將自己分門別類或與人比較，就像那些自高自大的人，他們是多麼愚蠢！這些人制訂自己的標準，以此來衡量自己，也用自己的標準來判斷自己！”  
- 哥林多後書 10:12 (TEV 意譯)

## 2. 要緊記我不清楚整件事

“多麼可恥和愚蠢，在未了解事實之前就妄下決定！”  
- 箴言 18:13 (Living Bible 意譯)

耶穌：“不要按著外表做判斷。”  
- 約翰福音 7:24 (新普及譯本)

## 3. 要緊記我永不會知道別人的\_\_\_\_\_

“沒有人能夠真正知道別人在想甚麼，或他的真面目，除了他自己。”  
- 哥林多前書 2:11 (Living Bible 意譯)

“所以，時機還沒有到的時候，你們不要評斷任何人。要等到主再來的時候才有最後的審判；那時候，他要暴露藏在黑暗中的祕密，揭發人心裏的動機。那時候，每一個人會從上帝得到應得的稱讚。”  
- 哥林多前書 4:5 (現中修訂版)

## 4. 要緊記，我也有自己看不見的盲點

耶穌：“你為甚麼這麼在意別人眼中的木屑，而自己眼中卻有一大塊木頭？你竟敢說：「讓我除掉你眼中的木屑！」...你卻要評斷自己，先除掉你眼中的木頭，這樣才能看清楚，去幫助別人。”  
- 馬太福音 7:3-5 (意譯)

“如果我們以正確的方式審視自己，上帝就不會審判我們。”  
- 哥林多前書 11:31 (NCV 意譯)

## 5. 要緊記先\_\_\_\_\_

尼哥底母：“根據上帝的律法，我們不能審判別人而不先聽他們申辯和聽聽他們做了甚麼事。”  
- 約翰福音 7:51 (意譯)

## 6. 要緊記我會受自己的標準所評斷

耶穌：“不要評斷別人，不然你也會被評斷。因為你怎樣評斷別人，你也會這樣被評斷，並且是以同樣的尺度去評斷你！”  
- 馬太福音 7:1-2 (意譯)

“你沒有權利批評你的兄弟或輕看他。記著，我們各人都將親身站在上帝的審判臺前...是的，我們各人都要向上帝交代自己的事，所以不要再互相批評了！”  
- 羅馬書 14:10,12-13 (意譯)

## 7. 要緊記上帝如何\_\_\_\_\_我

“你靠着白白的恩典而得救，也藉着信心被拯救脫離審判。這救恩不是來自你的作為，而是上帝給你的禮物！”  
- 以弗所書 2:8 (意譯)