

Creek Notes, May 19, 2024

The Bible Doesn't Say That:
You Can't Judge Me Or My Lifestyle

Matthew 7:1-6

Jesus' words do not mean a universal **acceptance** of any lifestyle, attitude, or behavior

Judge= to sentence, to **condemn**, to damn

'Judge not' forbids pronouncing another person **guilty** before God, thus condemning them. We are not THE **JUDGE!**

We are not to consider that we are spiritual & morally **superior** than others

We are to judge for **identification** and for **restoration**
(*Matt. 7:6, Rom 16:17, Gal. 6:1*)

There is a difference between judging wrongly, and **accountability**

We are called to show unconditional love, but not unconditional **approval**

The **Standard** is God's Word

We are primarily to call people **upward** and show there is a better way to **live**

Judgment begins in the House of **God** (*1 Pet 4:17*)

People will **know** us by how we judge (*Matt. 7:2, Matthew 7:12*)

Jesus is emphasizing to **evaluate** ourselves first (*Matt. 7:3-5*)

→The day of **judgment** has not happened yet, we all still have grace