

DO WE JUDGE?

John 10:1-18 The Good Shepherd

- 1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 "A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. 7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 "He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

John 12:44-49

- 44 And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 "He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me. 46 "I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness. 47 "If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. 49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.

Who is the Good shepherd?

John 21:15-17

- 15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep.

Acts 17:10 Good Sheep

- 10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Luke 12:54-59

- 54 And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. 55 "And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way. 56 "You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time? 57 "And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? 58 "For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 "I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent."

1 Corinthians 14:26-33

- ⦿ [26](#) What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. [27](#) If anyone speaks in a tongue, *it should be* by two or at the most three, and *each* in turn, and one must interpret; [28](#) but if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God. [29](#) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. [30](#) But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. [31](#) For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; [32](#) and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; [33](#) for God is not a *God* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

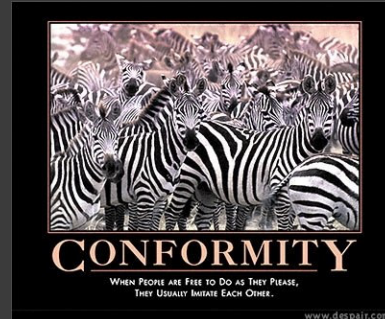
Do not judge?

- ⦿ [Matthew 7:1-5](#)
- ⦿ [1](#) "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. [2](#) "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. [3](#) "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? [4](#) "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? [5](#) "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.
- ⦿ [Luke 6:37-38](#)
- ⦿ [37](#) "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. [38](#) "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
- ⦿ (Matthew 18:23-35)

John 7:19-24

- ⦿ [19](#) "Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?" [20](#) The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?" [21](#) Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel. [22](#) "For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the Sabbath* you circumcise a man. [23](#) "If a man receives circumcision on *the Sabbath* so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the Sabbath*? [24](#) "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Are we capable of independent thought?



Do we practice it?

Hebrews 5:11-14

- ⦿ [11](#) Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. [12](#) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. [13](#) For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. [14](#) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

We must "take the high road"

- ⦿ Luke 6:27-36 – Love your enemies
- ⦿ Galatians 6:9-10 – Let us not lose heart in doing good
- ⦿ 1 Timothy 6:17-19 – Instruct them to do good
- ⦿ 1 Peter 3:8-12
- ⦿ [8](#) To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; [9](#) not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. [10](#) For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. [11](#) "HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. [12](#) "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."