

The Time For Judgement

Engaging The Culture

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- I. Series: Engaging the Culture
 - A. Matthew 10:³⁴ **Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword**
 - B. Subject: Armed Resistance (Confession-Ashamed, Sword-Destroy, Resistance-Stop)
 - C. Subject: Give us Barabbas or Give us Jesus (Choose You This Day)
 - D. Subject: In Season and Out
 - 1. Worshiping In Season and Out (Spirit and Truth)
 - 2. Witnessing In Season and Out (Glory and Suffering)
 - 3. Praising In Season and Out (Rejoicing and Sacrificing)
- II. Homework: Study Matthew 7:1-5, 16-20; Matthew 12:32-37; 1 Corinthians 6:1-4
 - A. How would or should you respond to Same Sex Marriage?
 - B. Are we to Judge or not? (Matt 7:1, 1 Cor 6:2)
 - C. What's the Fruit we are to be known for? (Matt 7:16)
- III. Text
 - A. Matthew 7:1-5 (AV)¹ **Judge not, that ye be not judged. ²For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. ³And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? ⁴Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? ⁵Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.**
 - B. Matthew 7:16-20 (AV)¹⁶ **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**
- IV. Subject: Engaging The Culture: The Time For Judgement
 - A. Engaging the Culture (Customs, Social Institutions, Social Groups, Nations, and People), is about how we as Christians impact and influence our society
 - 1. So far we've looked at Armed Resistance, Give us Jesus or Barabbas, and lastly "In Season or Out (Worshiping, Witnessing, Praising)
 - B. Today we want to look at Judging
 - 1. Last week when we published a promotion of our Marriage Retreat on Facebook, someone asked, "Are Same Sex Couples Welcomed?"
 - 2. My Response was,
 - a. Thank you for the Question, but No! [My Marriage University](#) is a Christian based organization that teaches marital principles based on the Word of God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 7: 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.
 - c. The bible is clear on this point that the Husband is a Man, and the Wife is a Woman who were both designed for each other for three basic purposes:
 - (1) Communication - To Become One
 - (2) Procreation - To Reproduce
 - (3) Recreation - To Enjoy Each Other
 - 3. Some of the responses were fierce, In addition to calling us shameful, don't

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quote scripture, aren't wheat and tares supposed to grow together, the bible teaches us to catch the fish, Jesus is supposed to clean them.

4. But the following responses is what particularly struck me, "Stop being Judgmental, Love without Judgement, Christians are too Hypocritical"
 - a. Definition of Judgement: the ability to judge, make a decision, or form an opinion objectively, authoritatively, and wisely, especially in matters affecting action; good sense; discretion
 - b. Definition of Judgmental: involving the use or exercise of judgment; tending to make moral judgments

C. And so our message today in keeping with "Engaging the Culture" answers the question of Should Christians Judge? Are we to Judge or be Judgmental?

1. Matthew 7:¹ **Judge not, that ye be not judged.**
2. To *judge* hear means "to decide, to distinguish, to condemn, or to avenge". These verses do not mean that a child of God is forbidden to judge others, but it does mean that we are not to judge the inward motives of others.
3. Man looks at the outward appearance, but only God knows the heart.
4. We may not know what motivations were in a person heart that led to sin, but according to God's Word they did sin.
5. Matthew 7: ¹⁶ **Ye shall know them by their fruits. ... ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**
6. 1 Corinthians 6:2 (AV)² Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

D. 1 Peter 4:17 (AV)¹⁷ For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

E. Subject: Engaging The Culture: A Time for Judgement

V. A Time For Judging The Ground (Our Heart)

A. Matthew 7:1 (AV)¹ **Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

B. The First thing we Judge is the ground that the tree is planted in; that is the heart!

1. People are quick to tell us, don't judge me; don't be judgmental.
2. When Jesus says in our lesson text to Judge not, he is not saying we do not Judge, he is saying that we are not to be judgmental concerning the motives of the heart.
3. Motives deal with reasons, causes, or motivations of a person's behavior.
4. Matthew 7: ³ **And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?**
5. We become hypocrites when we judge the motives of others and our hearts aren't clean
6. Matthew 7: ⁵ **Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.**

C. The Time to Judge The Ground (The Heart), is when our Ground is Good Ground

1. Mark 4:8 (AV)⁸ **And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.**
2. There are four grounds listed in Marks Gospel; Wayside Ground (Hard Hearts); Stony Ground (Shallow Hearts); Thorny Ground (Crowded Hearts); and Good Ground (Clean Hearts)
 - a. John 15:3 (AV)³ **Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.**

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3. Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart, so we need the word of God to cleans our hearts, so we can judge.
 - a. We Judge Wayside Ground or Hard Hearts by using our anointing to break up fallow or hard ground, and destroys yokes.
 - b. We Judge Stony Ground or Shallow Hearts by using the fruit of the Spirit which give us Love for hate, Joy for Depression, Peace for Trouble, ...
 - c. We Judge Thorny Ground or Crowded Hearts by using God's Holiness, come out from among them and be ye holy for I am holy says the Lord.

D. The Time To Judge the Ground is when our Heart is Cleansed with the Word

VI. The Time For Judging The Tree (Our Fruit)

A. Matthew 7: ¹⁶ **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷ Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

B. The next thing we Judge is what the tree produces; that is our Fruit!

1. It is the word that judges our heart, but it is the fruit that judges ourselves.
2. There's a saying, "You can fool some of the people all the time, you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time"
3. The reason is because eventually your tree will bear fruit.
4. If you're good, your fruit will tell us; and if you're corrupt, your fruit will tell us.

C. The Time to Judge The Tree (Ourselves), is when the Fruit Shows Up

1. You can't always judge what people say, because it may be a lie.
2. You can't always judge what people do, because it may be fake
3. You can't always judge what you feel, because your heart is deceitful and wicked
4. Sometimes a corrupt tree looks good; and sometimes a good tree looks evil, but you shall now know them by their looks, but by their fruit.
5. Matthew 7: ¹⁸ **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit... ²⁰ Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

D. The Time To Judge the Tree is when we bring forth fruit

VII. The Time For Judging the Fruit (Our Reward)

A. Revelation 22:12 (AV)¹² **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

B. The final thing that's judged is the Reward of our Fruit

1. Galatians 6:⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. ⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.
2. You May Build - A Cathedral - Large Or Small
You May Build - A Skyscraper Grand Or Tall
You May Conquer - All The Failures - Of Your Past
But Only - What You Do - For Christ Will Last

C. Galatians 6:⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

D. Romans 8:18 (AV)¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.