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(Matthew 7:1a)

2.) Be Not Rebuked Of God

(Matthew 7:1b)

3.) You Set The Benchmark Of Your Own Rebuke

(Matthew 7:2)

4.) Examine Yourself Daily

(Matthew 7:3-5)

To “judge” can mean either:

a.) To Discern (1 Cor. 4:1-5; John 7:24)

—or—

b.) To Condemn (Rom. 14:10-13; Matt. 7:1)

When God Judges: It is Righteous

- *Based on God's authority*
- *Uses an objective standard (God's Law)*
- *Directed by His Sovereign Will*
- *Results in reward or incrimination*

When I Judge: It is Judgementalism

- *Based on my authority*
- *Uses a subjective standard (my preferences)*
- *Directed by my ulterior motives*
- *Results in sin*

Examples of Judgementalism:

- a.) Cain (*Gen. 4:2-5*)
- b.) Balaam (*Num. 22:21-29*)
- c.) Ahithophel (*2-Sam. 17:14-23*)
- d.) Saul (*1-Sam. 14:24-45*)
- e.) Nabal (*1-Sam. 25:2-25*)

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a.) **Exercise Self-control—**

(Ephesians 4:23; Romans. 12:2)

b.) **Practice Forbearance—**

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c.) **Extend Forgiveness—**

(Colossians 3:13)

d.) **Love In Every Circumstance—**

(1-Cor. 13:4-7; 1-John 4:7-11)