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Topic: Judge One Another?

Text: Matthew 7:1-5

1. Every day, we make decisions that will require us to make judgments on what to do. We also pass judgments on situations we are placed in and people we meet. That is what a normal person would do. In fact, Jesus taught His disciple that it is right to judge their situations and they should judge one another (Jn 7:24). Therefore, it is not a sin to judge; it is a command.
2. The way that one ought to judge is according to Scripture, not worldly standards nor personal feelings. The truth of God's Word is objective and God is the one who sets that standard. One must receive the Word wholeheartedly before judging others.
3. The right attitude in judging is to do so with mercy. Since God has been so merciful in not giving us the punishment we deserve, we should show the same mercy to others. Bear in mind that all of us have our own weaknesses and areas that we are still growing. So when we judge the faults of our brethren, do so with compassion.
4. The Pharisees were those who judged the children of Israel even though they rejected God's gift of salvation. They valued the judgment of men more than God. Thus, Jesus warned them to judge with sincerity. If we were to judge others about certain issues, we must first judge ourselves. Else, it is better for us not to pass hypocritical judgments.

*Judge one another lovingly that our brethren may be edified and God's name be glorified*