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The Christian and Judging

Unrighteous Judgment

- *Hypocritical* (**Matthew 7:1-6**); *Self-Righteous* (**Luke 18:9-14**); *Appearance* (**James 2:1-4**)

Righteous Judgment (**John 7:21-24**)

- *“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”* (**v. 24**)



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The Judging of James 4:11-12

- **Prohibition (v. 11a)** — *“Do not speak against one another”* (NASB)
- **Additional victim (v. 11b)** — *“speaks against the law”* (NASB) (**James 1:25; 2:12**)



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- **Implication (v. 11c)** — usurp position of “*Lawgiver*” (**James 1:19-27; 2:10-12; 4:17**)
- **Offense** — “*speaks against the law and judges the law*” (NASB) (**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 4:6; 2 John 9; 1 Pet. 4:11**)
- **Admonition (v. 12)** — “*Who are you to judge another?*”
- **Application** — *Liberties* (**Romans 14:1-4**); *Opinions* (**Acts 18:1-3**); *Human Traditions* (**Matthew 15:1-2**)



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“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” (Proverbs 1:7)

“He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.” (Proverbs 13:13)

“In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise will preserve them.” (Proverbs 14:3)

