

Dealing with ‘Others’ Today – Judgment from Christians

Introduction:

- **My notes from a staff meeting with an employment lawyer about ‘others’ today:**
 - Arkansas does not require discrimination to be applied to sexual preference.
 - CB does so voluntarily in the company policy, though!
 - CB claims to be ‘very’ inclusive. (*Staffing consists of just about ‘everyone’ and ‘everything.’*)
 - Gender discrimination must be intentional in order for it to stick legally!
 - It must be a protected characteristic in order for it to stick legally!
 - Legal decisions are not supposed to be based on the super-sensitive.
 - Inappropriate – Nothing is slightly inappropriate. It is or it isn’t!
 - Workplace discrimination can be workplace related outside of CB. (if both work at CB, etc.)
 - I am required to report any harassment!
 - Gallery 8 – “*All Things Being Equal.*” He knows the person making the gallery and was recently told by this ‘artist’ that this gallery design *is intended to cause difficult situations!*
 - *Edgy*” – their word for being ‘*beyond trendy.*’
 - Concerning asking for date, personal contact requests, etc. “*Proceed at your peril.*”
 - CB states that it is trying to have a better and safer inclusive work environment.
 - CB policy - “*People are free to their opinion but not to express it in the museum!*”
 - The perverted lifestyle people have gone from expecting us to ‘*tolerate.*’ Then they expected us to ‘*accept*’ them! Now they are demanding that we ‘*appreciate*’ them!”)

HOWEVER – The real truth anywhere / everywhere is...

I am hated / rejected / ignored / not included / not respected, etc. because I am:

- White Boomer Aged Male
- Working / Employed / Retired from older ‘wicked’ America
- Christian
 - Loosely defined, of course, they still fit in everywhere with their ‘love’
 - ...but not towards me.
 - Scripturally and rightly divided definition of Christian...
 - Not based on denominational doctrine, love, feelings, etc.
 - But based on Scriptures, rightly divided according to Paul’s books only!
 - Believe that KJ1611 Bible as the only inspired and preserved Scriptures!
 - Following the teachings of the risen Saviour in the dispensation of the grace of God.
 - Looking to the apostle Paul as only apostle to follow as the minister and teacher to the Gentiles.
- **I have seen that today’s modern church-going Gospel Christians are some of the meanest, hurtful and rudest discriminating bullies – especially towards other ‘Christians!’**
 - This is the sole reason for this particular study to **Romans chapter 14**.
 - They apparently have no clue about **Romans 14** and the scriptural details on judgment towards others (*and possibly as well as their own salvation.*).
 - They hate Scriptural authority in any discussion as much as the lost hate it.
 - Few, if any of them, have ever read let alone sought to understand the KJB... they simply choose to be ignorant of the Scriptures – they err not knowing the Scriptures – thanks to their pastor, too!.

Now I see why it is probably just safer for me to simply ‘phub’ with my cellphone!

Act 19:36 - Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. Good advice that was given by the enemy to themselves that we could sometimes learn for ourselves, as well. (*‘phubbing’ is snubbing others by being on your cell phone.*)

This min-study is an attempt to take away some of the lack of judgmental awareness and lousy personal application of today's Christian towards me/us/others!

- *... they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. Acts 18:26.* You would think they would 'yearn' to hear how to live 'beyond the gospels / beyond the cross, too!
- *Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? Galatians 4:16.* Uh, apparently so!

PS - Great Advice for all of us!

I Thessalonians 4:11

*And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business
and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;*

**Our Prayer and Desire for ourselves that isn't working very well these days,
but Christians sure expect others to lead that perfect life!**

I Timothy 2:2

*For kings, and for all that are in authority;
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and honesty.*

The Great "Judgment" Chapter

Romans 14

1 - Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

Examples of disputations given in this chapter are in **verses 1-3; 4; 5-6.**

Conclusion:

**5b - Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.
And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business
and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;**

I Thessalonians 4:11

More explanation of this conclusion from **verse 5:**

7,8,9 - For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

So then, WHY Do You...

10,11,12 - But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Two questions here:

1. First and foremost - Are the brethren really all brethren?

- a. Consider **Isaiah 5:20-24** – during days of the severity of God, coming back soon!
- b. Consider Satan’s Plan
 - i. You will see that we are almost done with the dispensation of the grace of God.
 1. That means we are not looking for the coming of Christ, as the pastors all say, but that we are closer to the rapture at which the tribulation doctrinal time begins.
 - a. Severity of God returns
 - b. Satan comes down to earth – Revelation 6
 - ii. People are already being prepared to worship Christ but unfortunately, according to the Scriptures, the pastors today are preparing their people for the anti-Christ is the Christ who will be coming down!
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- c. Consider that if they are not brethren, then the deception must be exposed; and often that is not easy, pleasant nor is it very well received, if even allowed at all today!
 - i. It would mean the lack of their true salvation would be the biggest reason they don’t understand!
 - ii. That false salvation situation is handled marvelously in the scriptures in other ways and words and manner – it leads to a solid assurance and understanding.
 - iii. Unfortunately, we quote Paul and his efforts to tell people the truth about the Risen Saviour to the Gentiles vs the gospel Jesus to the Jews... **“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”**
- d. If we ‘are’ talking actual brethren, then continue on with this study as we see our pattern of how to deal with judgment towards the brethren!

2. And consider what ‘account’ for which we will be accountable? *Remember, our own accountability to God must be based on Paul, NOT from the original twelve:*

- a. There are two false teachings concerning being ‘accountable’ that are taught to Gentiles today instead of to the Jews then and will be again in the future.
 - i. **Matthew 12:36,37** - ***But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.***
 1. We have the judgment seat of Christ with what we have to deal with – and that is based on our ‘works’, not our ‘words’!
 - a. **II Corinthians 5:10** - ***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.***
 - ii. Pastors throw this one at people today as they expect us to allow them to be their final authority. **Hebrews 13:17** - ***Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.***

Let us not therefore judge one another any more!

13 - *Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*

- This is where our own pride gets in the way of doing the right thing according to the risen Saviour – NOT according to your religious principles, etc.
- This situation is a doubtful disputation that will only hurt your cause and most likely will burn your bridge for later conversation!
- Remember – we are talking about a ‘brother’ who is weak in the faith. He doesn’t know much – hasn’t read the Scriptures, etc.
 - While we at least ‘think’ we know what we know and want to ‘share’ with others, is it possible we are judging others harshly or too soon – mostly just because we ourselves do not understand ‘*judging the brethren!*’
- **14,15** - *I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.*
 - *But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.*
 - Again, I think of this verse that I also quoted at the beginning of this ‘sermon’:
 - *And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; I Thessalonians 4:11*
- Your outward / inward judgment could shut down your potential future ‘teaching’ and ‘learning’ conversations and could drive away your brother who is weak in the faith...
 - ...unless maybe he is not just ‘weak’ in the faith but actually NOT IN THE FAITH at all?)
 - That is more possible today than you realize! Study Satan’s plan and you might be surprised at the days we are in... the latter times! *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; I Timothy 4:1*
 - And the pastors – evil seducing people! *But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. II Timothy 3:13*

More explanation – read the next verse slowly and you will realize that today’s Christian, real or not, are some of the biggest bullies – especially toward the ‘brethren,’ which is wrong!

- **14:16** - *Let not then your good be evil spoken of: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
- **18,19** - *For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.*
- **20,21** - *For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*

What about yourself when you are weak in the faith and strong in the flesh?

22 - *Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.*

- If YOU have your moments when you are weak in the faith and, as Paul describes in **Romans 7**, you find yourself allowing yourself to do something you know you shouldn't have, etc. then still do NOT condemn yourself. Get up and keep going, this time even stronger! THAT is the purpose of the goodness of God during this particular dispensation of the grace of God!
 - *And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. II Corinthians 12:9*
 - *...not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? Romans 2:4b*
 - And then, allow others the SAME grace you allow yourself!

It is NOT about ourselves!

15:1,2 - *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.*

- We must bear the infirmities of the weak – it is about them, not ourselves. Again – that word that comes to mind is ‘*pride!*’
- We are to edify our neighbor – BRETHREN, remember! For his good to edification, not judgment.
- Need I say more? Because if I would have to point out some situations specifically to you, you wouldn't like it.

Remember, this Study is about Us Judging the BRETHREN!

(reminder – IF they are brethren, that is!)

(also note: the word “judgment” is spelled without an ‘e’ after the letter ‘g.’)

Bonus Mini-Study

For those of the ‘brethren’ who DO continue to choose to be busybodies and be disobedient to Paul's words and manner of life regarding working and providing for themselves, etc. during their ‘walk...’

II Thessalonians 3:6-15

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

*For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us:
for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;*

*Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought;
but wrought with labour and travail night and day,
that we might not be chargeable to any of you:*

*Not because we have not power,
but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.*

*For even when we were with you, this we commanded you,
that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*

*For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly,
working not at all, but are busybodies.*

*Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ,
that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

*And if any man obey not our word by this epistle,
note that man, and have no company with him,
that he may be ashamed.*

*Yet count him not as an enemy,
but admonish him as a brother.*

Withdraw from him!

Have no company with him!

They are the ones to be ashamed, not you!

But don't treat him like the enemy, either!

Admonish him as a **brother**!

- ✓ Be sure to use rightly divided Scriptures and stay away from opinion flinging!
- ✓ Be sure YOU are clean enough before you go after anyone else!
 - Honestly, I doubt any of us are clean enough to correct someone else, anyway!
 - If you have to say something, then show them the goodness of God and forget about the severity of God or even YOUR severity!

Maybe you should just reread this study, again?

*(maybe you haven't had any siblings to learn how to treat each other
so let God teach you through the King James Bible.)*