



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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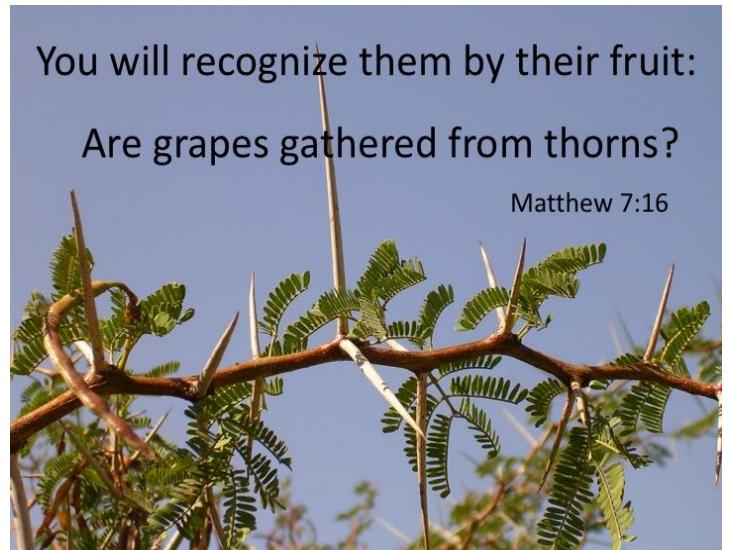
One-Verse-Jesus: "Judge Not that You Be Not Judged"

What is the most widely quoted saying of Jesus? It has varied over the years, but across America today it is likely Jesus' exhortation: Judge Not (from Matthew 7:1). Quoted by Christians and non-Christians alike, the "Judge Not Jesus" comfortingly ratifies what has become the western world's highest ideal—toleration. This mere aspect of what Jesus taught—judge not—is proclaimed by many as the main aim of His life. And accordingly, "Judge Not" becomes the talisman for all questions of right and wrong. Recently a well known Nashville performer responded when asked what she thought of the homosexual lifestyle: "I just try not to judge. Don't judge me, and I won't judge you. And that's what it says in the Bible—'Don't judge.'"

What did Jesus mean when He said, "Judge not?" I like the answer Baylor Bible professor Roger Olson proposes to his students: "But what kind of judging was He forbidding? Surely not every kind. How do we know that? Because Jesus Himself encouraged a kind of judging, and the entire New Testament refers to judging as important and necessary. In John 7:24 Jesus told His listeners, 'Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.' Did He contradict Himself? Was He taking back what He said in the Sermon on the Mount (in Matthew 7)? I don't think so. Rather He was talking about a different kind of judging.

When Jesus prohibited judging, He was talking about declaring people unsaved, which is God's prerogative alone. No doubt He was also condemning hypocritical judging. In John 7 He was talking about judging people's behavior. ... In John 8:15, Jesus clarified by criticizing the Pharisees' standards of spirituality: they judged "by human standards." What did He mean? That they judged people's spiritual status by their conformity or lack of conformity to the Pharisees' own legalistic standards of morality and religiosity. Jesus did not condemn all judging but only improper judging. In fact, He said (in John 7) to judge by right judgment."

The comments of John Stott are likewise helpful: "'Here the command to judge not is not a requirement to be blind, but rather a plea to be generous. Jesus does not tell us to cease to be men (by suspending our critical powers which help distinguish us from animals) but to renounce the presumptuous ambition to be God (by setting ourselves up as judges).'" LH



The New Man as the Whole Man

The lordship of Christ over the whole of life means that there are no platonic areas in Christianity, no dichotomy or hierarchy between the body and the soul. God made the body as well as the soul and redemption is for the whole man. Evangelicals have been legitimately criticized for often being so tremendously interested in seeing souls get saved and go to heaven that they have not cared much about the whole man. The Bible, however, makes four things very clear: (1) God made the whole man, (2) in Christ the whole man is redeemed, (3) Christ is the Lord of the whole man now and the Lord of the whole Christian life, and (4) in the future as Christ comes back, the body will be raised from the dead and the whole man will have a whole redemption. It is within this framework that we are to understand the place of art in the Christian life. Therefore, let us consider more fully what it means to be a whole man whose whole life is under the lordship of Christ.

Quote by Francis Schaeffer when he addressed *Art and the Bible* in 1973.



How old was Daniel when he refused the King's Food?

Prayer is the News! A Time of Intercessory Prayer at Forest Home Building—Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 5:50 p.m. This is twenty minutes open to anyone who wishes to come together in Jesus' name and ask the Lord to intercede in our lives, church, & nation.

John Carr's study of the book of John will resume this Sunday night at the Allens. Light supper at 5:30, study to follow immediately.

Prayer and Praises

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Comfort of Lord on Iris and JC in loss of Iris' grandfather
- Lord's presence with Jason & family in loss of Jason's grandfather
- Lord's comfort with Kathleen and Sarah in loss of their mother/grandmother Doris
- Thank you for young men strong in the Word
- Lisa Grimenstein in her time of Pregnancy and the health of the baby
- Lord help many in the body suffering with the flu and allergies
- Lord's continued anointing on Tommy's "Next Right Step" Ministry
- Guidance and open doors for several seeking work
- May Larry's brother continue to recover well from surgery
- Thank You for friends who share our ups and downs
- Lord grant perseverance for Jim McAlister's writing
- Lord we pray and work for the good of our city
- Lord touch our wandering loved ones with your relentless love
- Lord please let those running find home in You
- Bless with wisdom Ann and Karen in counseling ministry
- Healing for Dawn Costello's father
- Travel mercies for Azad's move to Detroit for Kurdish ministry
- Lord preserve and strengthen Frank's prison & neighborhood work
- We ask that all our young ones may grow to love You
- Teach us Lord to judge a righteous judgment

Lent for 2011 is March 9 – April 23. Ash Wednesday on March 9 starts this 40 week day season of self examination, repentance and reflecting on Jesus in preparation for celebrating Jesus' Resurrection on Easter (April 24). We plan to avail ourselves of Lent this year as a spiritual exercise. Please consider participating. More later...



How old was David when he fought and killed the Philistine champion Goliath, who slandered God's people? How many smooth stones did David carry into battle? King Saul at first discounted David's desire to be a front line believer: "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:33-37)

CLASSES AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE @ FOREST HOME:

Classes begin at 9 am. Worship begins at 10 am.

Grades and ages break down as follow:
 Pre-K – Kindergarten
 1st grade – 4th grade
 5th grade and up

2011 Calendar
 EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM @ the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
 EACH TUES 6:30 am @ the church, Men's Ministry
 EACH WED 5:00 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
 Feb 27 bible study @ the Allen's 5:30pm John's study on the book of John
 Feb 27 Oscar Party @ Tim & Karen's (see Dee/Lauren for details)
 March 10 Bryan & Isaac go to Togo
 Mar 9-Apr 23 Lent

DATE	NURSERY (Infants to 2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER PREP	
Feb 27	Ronna King	Feb/Mar Allens	Mar 2	Linda/Lois
Mar 6	Kathy Grimenstein	Apr/May Grimensteins	Mar 9	Ocie/Shannon
Mar 13	Cecile Allen		Mar 16	Pat/Karen
Mar 20	Jane Ann Myers		Mar 23	Sarah/Kathleen
Mar 27	Lois McAlister		Mar 30	Lisa/Liz
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim G. with questions.		