

Are the Disciples of Jesus Too Judgmental?

We live in a time where many are crying out for tolerance. Many believe that the idea of expressing love goes hand in hand with being careful not to speak out too harshly against sinful things. There is a call for Christians not to be too judgmental regarding sin, and to be more understanding about a changing culture that accepts practices that were once taboo. But what has God revealed to us about how we should deal with sin? Let us continue to build on the Rock, the solid truth of His Word.

Defining Judgmental:

- Displaying an overly critical point of view
- Disparaging, critical, negative, deprecating, disapproving, condemnatory
- Why are Christians sometimes called this?

1. Because Christians are calling out _____

a. How does God view _____?

- 1) It leads to _____ (*Rom. 6:23, James 1:15*)
- 2) It separates us from _____ (*Isa.59:1-2*). It does so in many areas (*1 Pet.3:12; Ezek. 18:20; Matt.25:41; 2 Thess.1:8-9*)
- 3) Sin is _____ (*1 John 3:4*)

b. How should we view it?

- 1) What does the world want us to think (*Matt. 7:1-2*)
- 2) Our culture wants to _____ sin.
- 3) Historically, God has wanted us to appreciate the gravity of sin's effect on us (*Jude 22-23, Deut. 13:6-9; 2 John 9-11; 1 Cor. 5:1-5*)

c. Sexual sins are prevalent (*Matt. 5:28, 32; 1 Cor. 6:18; Rom. 1:25-27; 1 Cor. 7:1-2*)

2. Because the attitude or tone with which sin is being called out

a. How should I deal with those in sin?

- 1) Concerned for their eternity (*Jude 23; Gal. 6:1-2*)
- 2) Showing my love while upholding God's truth (*2 Tim. 2:24-26; Eph. 4:13-15*)

b. Considering myself (*1 Cor. 10:12*)

Young and old, we want to pull each other together in truth, hating sin and loving one another. Realize that we all have the goal of Heaven and should desire each other's help to achieve it. Just because someone doesn't agree with you or what you are doing, doesn't mean they hate you...more likely, if they are a follower of Jesus-they love you and are concerned for your soul.