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To Judge or Not to Judge

Many things in the Bible can easily contradict themselves; therefore those of us that strive to live by its rules are often confused without a continuance of studying and sometimes guidance and direction from others. So, from a Biblical stance, many folks are misinformed about judging – as a whole. I make reference to Biblical because whether you are Christian or not, this subject and the statements associated are of a religious/Christian nature. So whether you agree or not, according to the Bible we ARE to judge. We MUST judge - in many things, and in many ways. If we didn't, Church would become little more than a social club - 1 Corinthians 5:13. If we didn't, false teachings would prevail - Romans 16:17. If we didn't, how would we help our brothers when they are in error - James 5:19–20?

Let's face it, we all do things that create attention, and many times controversy. We have choice as to what kind of attention we create, and how we wish to represent such actions. We cannot interpret the Bible clearly on judgment just by looking at verses like Mathew 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." Just as easy, I can point you to Roman 12:9, "Hate what is evil; cling to what is good". That one example shows we MUST make judgment about what is right - and what is wrong. Without exposing error, we know that as judgment, how can we strive to live according to God's commands?