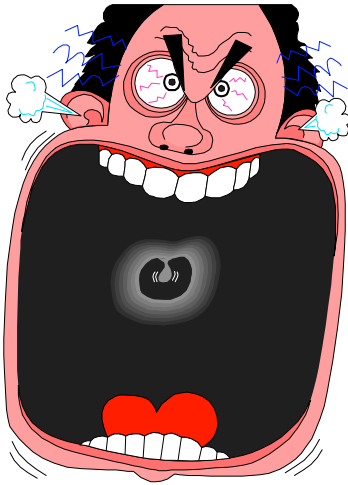
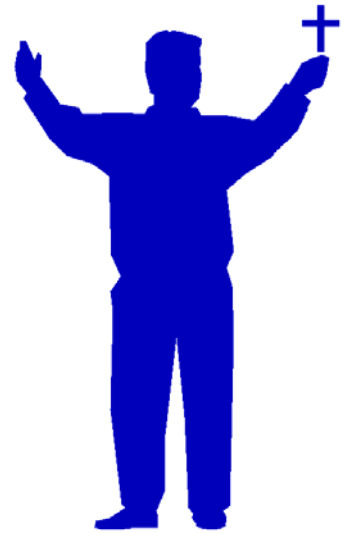


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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

On August 11, 1992, a Pastor made a statement at a meeting which he and Timothy II were having. He said that Timothy II never “Criticizes” me about the music or what we’re doing at the church, etc. (This is not to say that there were not *warnings* given, but they always dealt with the “Spiritual” realm and not the “Physical”).

This brought to my mind on August 13, 1992, by the Holy Spirit; that those (The Apostles/Messengers) that are Called to “Judge”, are to do the following:

1. We are not to CRITICIZE, but to JUDGE !
2. This can include CRITICISM, but is not limited to it.
3. JUDGEMENT is a decision made through evaluation!
4. CRITICISM is not in the Bible!
5. Above all, EVERYTHING must be done in LOVE!

In these latter days in America, it seems that it is ‘Politically Incorrect’ to “Criticize” someone.

It certainly is true that there is too much unnecessary “Criticism” by the media, even in Christian circles.

That is because “Criticism” is *always* negative, and is usually a complaint that is given, without any offer of a solution to the problem.

This is why it is so easy to “Criticize”.

Since “Judgement” is a decision made through evaluation, it can be either negative or positive.

In these last days, God is restoring ‘His Judges’ as at the first, in order to “Judge” His people and His Church. This is an “Apostolic Call”, and is not to be done by those that are not ‘Called’. Even Pastors/Priests are to only “Judge” their own flock and no one else.

Those that are dividing the Church, especially those in the “so called” Christian media, will themselves be “Judged” by the Lord!

Even though we shouldn’t be “Criticizing” one another (Matthew 7:3-5), we need to be sensitive to those who are ‘Called of God’ to “Judge” us. (Hebrews 13:17, 7 2 Cor. 1:24) The Prophets may be the ones to ‘warn’ of the coming “Judgements”, but it is the ‘Apostles/Messengers’ who will do the “Judging”!

Revelation 2: 11, 17, 29; 3: 6, 13, 22, says:

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches.

WHAT IS CRITICISM?

CRITICISM:

The Dictionary says:

“The art of analyzing and estimating worth. An unfavorable comment on fault-finding”.

TO CRITICIZE:

The Dictionary says:

“To examine sharply and form a judgement. To find fault, blame, censure, review”.

The Bible says:

“Nothing”.

WHAT IS JUDGEMENT?

JUDGEMENT:

The Dictionary says:

“The pronouncing of a formal opinion or decision. The decision made. The ability to make right decisions. A calamity regarded as the judgement of God. An obligation created by decision.

Judgement is conclusive.

It decides by positive inference.

It enables a person to discover the truth.

Discretion: Is intuitive; it discerns or perceives what is in all probability right

Prudence: Guards against the chance of evil”.

The Bible says:

In Hebrew:

4941 mishpat (mish-pawt');

from 8199; properly, a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a sentence or formal decree (human or [participant's] divine law, individual or collective), including the act, the place, the suit, the crime, and the penalty; abstractly, justice, including a participant's right or privilege (statutory or customary), or even a style:

In Greek:

2920 krisis (kree'-sis);

decision (subjectively or objectively, for or against); by extension, a tribunal; by implication, justice (especially, divine law):

2917 krīma (kree'-mah);

from 2919; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ["crime"]):

A JUDGE:

The Dictionary says:

“One competent to draw critical conclusions”.

The Bible says:

In Hebrew:

1781 dayan (dah-yawn');

from 1777; a judge or advocate:

In Greek:

2923 krītes (kree-tace');

from 2919; a judge (genitive case or specially):

TO JUDGE:

The Dictionary says:

“To consider a case and pass sentence. To form an opinion about. To make a critical estimate of”.

The Bible says:

In Hebrew:

8199 shaphat (shaw-fat');

a primitive root; to judge, i.e. pronounce sentence (for or against); by implication, to vindicate or punish; by extension, to govern; passively, to litigate (literally or figuratively):

1777 diyān (deen);

or (Gen. 6:3) duwn (doon); a primitive root a straight course, i.e. sail direct:

KJV-- (come) with a straight course.

In Greek:

2919 krīno (kree'-no);

properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish:

KJV-- avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

<p>IN THESE LAST DAYS, GOD IS RESTORING HIS JUDGES:</p>
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In these last days, God is restoring His Church (the Body of Christ), because He ‘loves’ Judgement!

Isa 59:14-15

14 **And judgment is turned away backward**, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: **and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.**

Isa 1:26

26 **And I will restore thy judges as at the first**, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: **afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.**

Isa 61:8

8 **For I the LORD love judgment,.....**

Ps 37:28

28 **For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints;** they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

<p>GOD IS ESTABLISHING JUDGEMENT IN HIS CHURCH:</p>
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God is establishing His Judgement with a ‘Plumbline’:

Isa 28:17

17 **Judgment also will I lay to the line**, and righteousness to the plummet: **and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.**

Although it is the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ that points out the Judgement, it is God the Holy Spirit that will reveal what is to be Judged.

Isa 28:2

2 **Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing,** shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

Isa 28:6

6 **And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.**

The 'Apostle/Messenger' will establish Judgement in the 'Gates' of the Churches.

Amos 5:15 (See Micah 3:1, 2, 5, 9, 11)

15 **Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate:** it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

God is tired of our 'Praise & Worship' without Judgement in our Churches!

Amos 5:23-24

23 **Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs;** for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 **But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.**

Judgement 'Must' begin in the Church, and the time is NOW!

1 Pet 4:17

17 **For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:** and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Because:

Jer 12:10

10 **Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.**

The most important result of the Judgement made by the 'Apostle/Messenger', is that it will dwell in the 'dead or dry' Churches, and 'righteousness' will remain in the 'fruitful' Churches.

Isa 32:16 (See Isaiah 32:15-20)

16 **Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.**

Ps 94:15

15 **But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.**

BIBLICAL APPROVAL FOR THOSE THAT ARE CALLED TO JUDGE:
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Judgement for the Lord must be done through God the Holy Spirit and His 'Attribute' of the 'Fear of the Lord', one of the 'Seven Spirits of God'.

(Read the Book - The Seven Spirits of God by Timothy II)

2 Chr 19:5-10 (See Isaiah 1:26)

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: **this do**, and ye shall not trespass.

Jesus is our example for Judging.

Isa 11:2-3

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Although Jesus has the ‘authority’ to Judge, He only Judges what the Father has told Him.

John 5:22

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:27

27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

John 5:30

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Although the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ has the ‘authority’ to Judge, he will Judge by the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Micah 3:8

8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF JUDGEMENT:

PHYSICAL:

This is the responsibility of the ‘Pastors/Priests’ and ‘Church Leaders’, to “Physically” ‘Judge’ their Church and/or Ministries.

2 Chr 19:11

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and **Zebadiah** the son of Ishmael, **the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you.** Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

SPIRITUAL:

This is the responsibility of the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ that is Called to “Spiritually” ‘Judge’ the Church and/or Ministries.

2 Chr 19:11

11 And, behold, **Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD;** and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. **Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.**

JUDGING AMONG BRETHREN:

‘Judging’ among the Brethren should be done within the context of the Church. Only when it becomes a “Spiritual Matter”, does the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ get involved.

1 Cor 6:1-5

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 **Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?**

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? **how much more things that pertain to this life?**

4 If then ye have **judgments of things pertaining to this life**, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

5 **I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?**

HOW TO JUDGE WHEN CALLED:

When 'Called' to Judge, we are to use the 'plummet' of righteousness, no matter who the person or persons are that are being Judged.

John 7:24

24 **Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.**

Prov 24:23

23 These things also belong to the wise. **It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.**

JUDGING BY FAITH:

On occasion, the 'Apostle' Paul made 'Judgements' within the 'Body of Christ', without hearing any specific 'Word' from the Lord.

1 Cor 7:25

25 Now concerning virgins **I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment**, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

1 Cor 7:40 (About widows)

40 But she is happier if she so abide, **after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.**

A WARNING ABOUT JUDGING WHEN NOT CALLED:

Hab 1:4

4 **Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.**

Matt 7:1-2

1 **Judge not, that ye be not judged.**

2 **For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.**

OTHER WARNINGS:

Be cautious about condemning those that are ‘Called’ to Judge. You may be considered an ‘ungodly witness’, or a ‘scorner’ which is a mocker or scoffer.

Prov 19:28-29

28 **An ungodly witness scorneth judgment:** and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 **Judgments are prepared for scorners,** and stripes for the back of fools.

OUR PRAYER SHOULD BE:

Our prayer as Christians should be that God will correct us through His Judgement, but not in His anger.

Jer 10:24

24 **O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.**

CONCLUSION:

The ‘Apostle/Messenger’ who does the Judging in the ‘Spiritual Matters’ of the Church, will usually do it within the private confidence of the Pastor/Priest.

This way if the Judgement is negative, the Pastor/Priest will have an opportunity to correct or reject the matter in private, and in the sight of God.

Then the results are on them. They have been warned.

Ezek 3:17-21 (See Ezekiel Chapters 33 & 34)

17 **Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.**

18 When I say **unto the wicked**, Thou shalt surely die; **and thou givest him not warning**, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but **his blood will I require at thine hand.**

19 **Yet if thou warn the wicked**, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but **thou hast delivered thy soul.**

20 Again, **When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness**, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: **because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.**

21 **Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man**, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also **thou hast delivered thy soul.**

Please notice that the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ must not only warn in Judgement the ‘wicked’ person (the unsaved), but he must also warn the ‘righteous’ person (the saved). This is because according to Scripture, the ‘righteous’ person can lose his righteousness! His ‘righteousness’ will not be remembered. (See Ezekiel 3:20 33:13)
 Jesus said about those that thought they were Saved, “I never knew you”.
 (See Matthew 7:23 25:12 Read also Luke 12:46 and James 5:19-20)

When the ‘Apostle/Messenger’ Judges, it must always be done in Love!

Ps 37:30

30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Zech 7:9

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

Phil 1:9

9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Isa 56:1

1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

Eccl 12:14

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

AMEN !

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