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### Not Time To Judge

#### I. There's no excuse for judging-Romans 2:1

- A. He's dealing with a group of people in Romans 1 who are way off being judged by another group of people
1. Rom1:18-Judgment (**wrath**-anger exhibited in punishment) awaits people who are going to reject God and won't do anything with him
    - a. 19-They held the truth and that which was known of God was manifest to them – Sin has to do with what you know
  2. These were people in Romans 1...
    - a. 18-Held the truth in unrighteousness
    - b. 19-That which may be known of God was manifest in them
    - c. 21-They knew and recognized God as God but wouldn't acknowledge Him as God
    - d. 22-They think they are so smart and that they have evolved in their intelligence
    - e. 25-They have called God's truth a lie
    - f. 25-They are worshipping and serving the creation, not the creator
    - g. 26,27-They are over into homosexuality
    - h. 28-They didn't want God, they didn't want the truth, they didn't want the knowledge of God
    - i. 32-They know judgment is coming, they are defiant and rebellious and stubborn and they get pleasure in others being like them
- B. The temptation, when you see people in a downward spiral of sin and darkness, is to judge them and feel superior, but, just because people get way off doesn't give you an excuse to judge them or a license to judge them
1. *MSG-Those people are on a dark spiral downward. But if you think that leaves you on the high ground where you can point your finger at others, think again.*
  2. *ERV-So do you think you can judge those other people? You are wrong. You too are guilty of sin. You judge them but you do the same things they do.*
  3. *Say it: When I see people in a downward spiral of sin and darkness I will not judge, I will not feel superior, I will cry mercy for them.*

#### II. Two big things that are going to help you not to judge: 1) It's not time to judge 2) You are not the judge

- A. Romans 2:2-We are sure God's judgment is right and it will come against them which commit such things and the insinuation is you don't have to get involved in judging because there is already a judge who is going to judge and he's going to do it right

1. *ERV-God judges all who do such things and we know his judgment is right*
  2. *TLB-And we know that God in justice, will punish anyone who does such things as these*
  3. *JBP-God's judgment, we know, is utterly impartial in its action against such evil-doers*
- B. It's not time to judge-1 Corinthians 4:5
1. The reality is that people in this type of position, if they don't repent they are going to get judged by The Judge-Romans 2:6-11
  2. They might scathe through this life and everything appear okay and fine, but this life isn't all that there is and there is coming a very real judgment and if they don't repent they will be judged-Hebrews 9:26
    - a. **If the Lord tarries his coming we're going to breathe or last and go be with Him and then after that there's coming the day of judgment and one thing that will help us to not judge each other here is to realize it's not time for judgment, that comes later**
    - b. Time is moving toward that day of judgment and there's coming a time where everybody will be standing before the throne whether they believe it or not and it's coming to pass
  3. Romans 14:10-13-You don't need to judge because you're not the judge and it's not time to judge and you don't have to be concerned about someone getting judged because we all are going to stand before the judgment seat of Christ
  4. Revelation 20:3,7-10-Why does judgment have to come? Know this if it does come it wasn't what God wanted and it wasn't his choice
    - a. You would think after a 1000 years of being locked up he might get the idea that he needs to change, but it just proves no matter how much time you would give him and those who follow him, they're not going to change
    - b. If beings are never going to repent and never going to change, something has to be done with them, and that falls to God
    - c. It wasn't God's choice it was their choice and they proved they would never repent no matter how much time you gave them
  5. *Say it: There is coming a very real judgment, but now is not the time to judge and I am not the judge. Every person including me will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and therefore I don't need to judge anybody.*
- C. You are not the judge-1 Corinthians 4:4
1. Who are you to judge? – Romans 14:4, James 4:12, 1 Corinthians 4:7
    - a. The insinuation is who do you think are to have the audacity to think that you could judge?
    - b. *Romans 2:1-JBP-If you feel inclined to set yourself up as a judge of those who sin, let me assure you, whoever you are, you are in no position to do so*

- c. *Say it: Who am I to judge, to try in sit in God's place and do His job? I am in no position to judge.*
- 2. You are not qualified to judge
  - a. 1 Corinthians 11:31-The only way you would be equipped and qualified to judge is if God equipped you and qualified you to do ti and because God never told you to judge people you are not equipped or empowered to do it
  - b. James 4:17-When judging God looks on the heart, in looks at a man's conscience, he evaluates what a man knew inside and you have no way of looking inside of a man; if you don't know what he knows then you can't know if he sinned
    - 1) To him that knows, TO HIM it is sin and so if he doesn't know that it's not sin
    - 2) Acts 15:8-God knows the hearts of men and you don't know
    - 3) 1 Corinthians 4:5-When God judges he's going to make known the counsels of the hearts
  - c. John 8:15, 7:24-Man judges according to the flesh, according to what he sees, and his is judgment is not just because man is limited in what he sees, He doesn't see it all and therefore he cannot judge righteously
    - 1) To judge perfectly right you have to see everything perfectly-Hebrews 4:13
    - 2) *Say it: Because I don't see everything I am qualified no judge no man*
- 3. God committed all judgment into the hands of Jesus and he is uniquely qualified to judge b/c he is both God and man-Acts 17:31
  - a. There could be those who standing before the Father in judgment say, "You're God and you don't know what's it's like to live on the Earth and to be subject to the weakness and frailties of humanity and be tempted with evil so how could you judge us?"
  - b. Jesus has been in our place and far beyond it experiencing what we experienced and proved that nobody HAD to sin
  - c. Because He is God He can see all he needs to see and because He's man he's sat in your place