

It is time for another installment of "I'm tired of..."

I'm tired of hearing, "Don't judge". I listened to a homily yesterday and the priest repeatedly said don't judge, over, and over and over. Don't judge what? Don't judge who? Am I being told not to judge anyone or anything? If a friend tells me that he is seriously thinking of murdering his neighbor as he tugs on the handgun in his pants pocket, should I not judge? So, maybe I should judge some things, but which things should I judge?

Wait a minute...I thought I was not supposed to judge, so which way is it? What I find most illogical and truly comical is when someone is judged for judging. For example, two neighbors are talking about a third neighbor. Neighbor number three admits that he is having numerous affairs on his wife and he enjoys it very much. Neighbor two says, "that's not right". Neighbor one says, "how dare you judge him and the state of his soul"! Wait a minute...neighbor one just judged neighbor two for judging. Doesn't that contradict their entire point? Huh?

The Spiritual Works of Mercy say to, "Admonish the sinner". What?! How can I admonish someone if I have not first judged their actions? The Church seems very confused. How about checking with the Bible?

Luke 6:37-6:49 or Matthew 7:1-2, 5 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and **then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.**"

Okay, so we don't judge, but wait a minute, the last verse says to remove the speck. It doesn't say to leave the speck in my brother's eye, so how can I properly remove speck if I don't judge he has a speck?

I'm confused again. I need more Bible verses.

John 7:24 "Stop judging by appearances, but judge justly."

Luke 12:54-57 "Why don't you **judge** for yourselves what is right?"

Romans 3:4 "As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

1 Corinthians 6:4 "**Appoint as judges even men of little account in the church! I say this to shame you.**"

Well I know that I am of little account, so it must be talking about me!

Why do we have Luke 6 rammed down our throats and why are we beaten over the head by liberals with Matthew 7, but hear nothing about these other verses?

How convenient!

Judging of others forbidden [[Matt 7:1,2](#)] **Judging of others approved** [[1 Cor 6:2-4](#) / [1 Cor 5:12](#)]

This is a commonly employed 'contradiction' which also ignores context. Mt 7 is not dealing

with judging in of itself, rather, it speaks of hypocrisy -- judging others by standards that one does not live by.

So really, Luke 6 and Matthew 7 are not stating we can't judge, but is talking about hypocrisy! It is starting to make some sense.

Finally, many priests, bishops, lay Catholics, and Christians of all denominations don't understand the stark difference between judging and condemning! They are not the same and do NOT have the same meanings!

No one but God can condemn a specific person to hell. In reality, people in hell have chosen it and thus condemned themselves.

Jesus, Sacred Scripture, and the Bible teach us to judge right from wrong and good from evil. Otherwise, how can we repent or ask forgiveness? We are to even judge the actions and words of others; however, only God has the authority and right to condemn. There is a big difference between judging and condemning, but many have a superficial and mistaken view of both.