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Judging In Righteousness

Jesus was tempted to be manipulated by the Word of God. He discerned well and did not fall to the temptation.

Matt. 4:6- (Ps. 91:12)

Common Arguments:

1. *Judge not, lest you be judged.*

Matt. 7:1-5

Rom. 2:1

Don't judge or condemn someone for the sin you yourself commit.

Through repentance and forgiveness, get back to righteousness and be prepared to help others overcome what you overcame.

2. *He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone.*

John 8:3-11

The story implies that everyone sins, and no one has the right to judge.

Jesus saw a broken and contrite heart, and He deflected and covered.

He heard honor and faith as she called Him Lord, and He extended grace.

He saw repentance, and He forgave.

Righteous judgment produces repentance, contrition, and honor to God.

3. *Separation of church and state.* Where did it come from? You won't find it in the U.S. Constitution, The Bill of Rights, the Amendments, or in any federal statute.

How does this work with everyday life?

Matt. 9 – Jesus had compassion

The Church is not against the world. With compassion, we present the truth of God's unrelenting love for His children.

Pr. 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. –

We vote (choose) for righteousness, not self-righteousness.

Righteousness in citizenship – Followers of Christ are submitted to those in authority and conduct themselves with honor and respect.

Rom. 13:1-7

1 Tim. 2:1-4

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I judge righteously with compassion; therefore, I am empowered to live righteously.