

You Have no Right to Judge!

Intro:

1. Do you have any right to make judgments about another?

Body:

- I. Consider Paul's letter to Corinth — 1 Cor. 5:1-13.
- II. Consider statements condemning making judgments.
 - A. "Judge not..." — Matt. 7:1-5.
 1. Yet — Matt. 7:6, 15-20.
 - B. "Why do you judge your brother?" — Rom. 14:10.
 1. What is the context? — Rom. 14:1-4ff.
 2. Yet — Rom. 16:17.
 - C. "Who are you to judge your neighbor?" — Jas 4:12.
 1. What is the context — Jas. 4:1, 11-12.
 - a. We should apply Jas 1:19.
 - b. What law might James be writing of? — Jas. 2:8.
 2. Yet — Jas. 5:19-20.
 - D. Thus we conclude we are not to judge hypocritically, in matters of opinion, or with evil intent.
- III. Do we have the right to judge? — Jn. 7:24.
 - A. The Jews (leaders) sought to kill Jesus — 7:1.
 1. Why? (John 5:1-18)
 2. They now sought to kill him based upon an unrighteous judgment — Jn. 7:21-24.
 - B. Jesus did not tell them they should not judge, but to judge righteously

Conc:

1. We should not judge hypocritically, in matters of opinion, or with evil intent.
 - a. Yet, throughout the Bible, instructions are given which require us to judge others. Such should be righteous judgments.
2. We must constantly judge our own lives — 2 Cor. 13:5.
 - a. God invites you to live according to His word.