

# WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING: Day #3

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## Judging Others

Tonight, we will be seeking the Lord in prayer using Jesus' instructions found in Luke 6:37-42 concerning the judging of others.

### PRAYER #1: Luke 6:37-38 - Judging Conduct

<sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

- i) **Pray that we would honor and build up one another by our conduct**
  - a. "...but set the believers an example in speech, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim 4:12b)
  - b. "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ..." (Phil. 1:27)
- ii) **Pray that our lives would model Christ to those who have not yet put their trust in Him**
  - a. "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable..." (1 Peter 2:12)
  - b. "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders...Let your speech always be gracious..." (Col. 4:5-6)
  - c. "But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness" (2 Tim. 2:16)
- iii) **Pray for those who are in authority to keep the peace and to judge**
  - a. "Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed..." (Romans 13:2-3)
  - b. "Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts..." (Zech 8:16-17 – NIV)

### PRAYER #2: Luke 6:39-40 - Judging Doctrine

<sup>39</sup> He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

- i) **Pray that none would be led astray by false doctrine or compromised teaching**
  - a. "...so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine..." (1 Tim. 1:3-4)
  - b. "If anyone teaches a different doctrine...he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing." (1 Tim. 6:3-4a)
  - c. "Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings..." (Hebrews 13:9)
- ii) **Pray for our pastors that they would stand firm in preaching the Truth in a shifting-sand world**
  - a. "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God..." (Hebrews 13:7-8)
  - b. "...We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word..." (2 Cor. 4:2)
  - c. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)

### PRAYER #3: Luke 6:41-42 - Judging Appearances

<sup>41</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

- i) **Ask the Lord for forgiveness for hypocrisy in our own lives**
  - a. "...For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things." (Romans 2:1)

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- b. "So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and slander" (1 Peter 2:1)
- c. "...acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy." (Gal. 2:13)
- ii) **Pray that we would not look down on others based on mere appearances**
  - a. "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment" (John 7:24)
  - b. "...man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b)
  - c. "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14a)
  - d. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about **outward** appearance and not about what is in the heart. (2 Cor. 5:12)
- iii) **Pray for a spirit of humility as modeled by our Lord and Savior**
  - a. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves..." (Phil. 2:3-4)
  - b. "...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:1-3)

## PRAYER #4: Judging Character

- i) **Pray that we would develop character that produces hope**
  - a. "...endurance produces character, and character produces hope..." (Romans 5:3-5)
  - b. "We wait in hope for the Lord, for He is our help and our shield" (Ps. 33:20)
  - c. "...if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Romans 8:24-25)
- ii) **Pray that we would model integrity**
  - a. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech..." (Titus 2:7-8)
  - b. "Whoever walks in **integrity** walks securely..." (Proverbs 10:9)
- iii) **Pray that we would trust the LORD to judge according to His righteousness**
  - a. "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." (Jer. 17:10)
  - b. "For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Eccl. 12:14)
  - c. "...the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart..." (1 Cor. 4:5)