

Judging Sin - cont.

mans chapter I in its entirety.

This world is in trouble. God's people must stand firm on God's side. The current climate in society is not going to improve unless we push back. Christians, be careful when preaching love and tolerance without the proper rebuke of sin. Local congregations of the church have fellowshiped sin in their membership with unrepentant sins, adulterous marriages, acceptance of social practices like drinking, and so on. We have already seen the acceptance of homosexual marriage in denominational churches. It won't be long before the local congregations of the Lord's church do the same if they do not judge these matters righteously (John 7:24).

Would people today accuse Elijah of being harsh and judgmental toward the pagan worshippers of Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18)? What about Stephen who accused the people of persecuting and killing their own prophets (Acts 6)? Let's not forget that it was harsh rebuke and accusation of murder which led 3000 people to repent and be baptized into the very savior they crucified on a cross (Acts 2:36-41). We must stand against sin to stand with the Lord.

- Chris Kramer -

Sentence Sermons

- Work on your character and your reputation will take care of itself.
- Who you are, not what you have, makes life worth living.
- If you get on the straight and narrow road, and don't get off, you will never get lost.
- Just because a religion is "respectable", doesn't mean that it is "authorized".

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Guest Article: Judging Sin in Today's World

If people who have knowledge of God's word do not stand up and defend His word, then we do a disservice to those who are being lead down an abusive path of sin.

Some have claimed that the immoral behavior of men is just "their business" and we shouldn't judge. What are we judging? Are we expressing hate toward our fellow man? Are we condemning someone's soul to eternal condemnation? No. God is the judge, and as the judge, He has also commanded us to make a distinction between right from wrong that we may correct the wrong in our lives and in the precious lives of others.

Many people in today's world place judgment on people who defend the word of God and accuse the righteous as behaving wrong and intolerant. They will quote a portion of Matthew 7 which says, "Judge not" and ignore that Matthew 7 is teaching against the hypocrisy of judging while behaving in the same way as the sinner. It says that we must "see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." This statement is addressing the hypocrisy of men. It is not condemning the need to judge. To clarify, the Lord expressly says in John 7:24 that we "do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

I have heard it said that we shouldn't judge others because their sins don't affect us directly. That is false. There are some who claim to be Christians who have actually taken the view that they don't care what people do in their private lives as long as they don't push it on them. Well, guess where we are at now? The movements who promote ungodliness are pushing their views on us.

Let's consider the current sins in society that promote transgender reassignment in our youth, the homosexual relationships who claim that "love" is their mantra, and the so-called "right" to abort a baby from the womb of a woman. How do these things not affect the children of God? Of course, we do not practice such perversions and heathen behavior, because we believe that God's word teaches us that such sinful actions will separate us from God and destroy our souls.

Are we affected? Yes, and we have a responsibility to defend the truth and stand against evil. We are to rebuke the sins of men (Ephesians 5:11-13). Who will defend our children when they are lured into the perversions of gender reassignment and unnatural behaviors? Who will warn the youth in the public schools against the false views of this society? Who will warn the "transitioned" before they come to find out what a terrible mistake they made after they made it? Who will defend the mentally ill who do actually struggle with their identity?

We cannot throw around "judging" as a reason to keep silent. That's sinful. Ezekiel 33:6 says ... "But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand" (ESV).

Christians! Take a stand and start judging right from wrong or someday you will be affected, your children, and your grandchildren will be affected, and then it will be too late. Do some research. There are so many people who have foolishly had gender reassignment that now realize they have destroyed their lives. There are many who practice homosexuality and abortions who have carried so much guilt that they have taken their own lives.

The world cannot "normalize" these sins in the eyes of society without being judged by God in the end. The entertainment industry has now included these sins as normal behavior in their programming. Children's educational and animated entertainment are promoting the very sins that God condemns as an acceptable part of today's society. How dare anyone stand by and keep silent and use God's word to excuse them from their duty to judge sin as sin. Read Ro-