**Judgment**

**Give therefore to thy servant an understanding heart
to judge thy people and to discern
between good and bad.  *(1 Kings 3:9)***

**Judge not, that you may not be judged.
For with the same judgment that you judge, you will be judged,
and with the same measure with which you measure,
it will be measured to you.  *(St. Matthew 7: 1-2)***

**Jesus said: “If any of you is without sin,**

**let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”**

***(St. John 8:7)***

**Let us not therefore judge one another any more;**

**but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block**

**or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.**

***(Romans 14:13)***

**To acknowledge that the Christ dwells in every individual is using your judgment. However, it does not mean that you have to hang around with a misguided soul who is dangerous to you, either physically or emotionally. Just as your judgment would direct you to get out of the path of a runaway truck, you would also get out of the path of a person who, not recognizing or expressing the Christ within, is destructive. (*Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 292)***

**The American who cusses the government for over-spending drives a heavily mortgaged car over tax-financed highways with a tank full of credit-card gas. *(GRIT)***

**As bad a dresser as I am, anything beats being judged by my character. *(David Sedaris)***

**A drunk that smelled like a brewery got on a bus one day, sitting down next to a priest. The drunk’s shirt was stained, his face was full of bright red lipstick and he had a half-empty bottle of wine sticking out of his pocket. He opened his newspaper and started reading. A couple minutes later, he asked the priest, “Father, what causes arthritis?” “Mister, it’s caused by loose living, being with cheap women, too much alcohol and contempt for your fellow man,” the priest replied. “Imagine that,” the drunk muttered, and returned to reading his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, turned to the man and apologized. “I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?” “I don’t have arthritis, Father,” the drunk said, “but I just read in the paper that the Pope does.” *(Applewood Our House, in Senior Snippets)***

**One evening my sister was sleeping in her bedroom upstairs while her eight-year-old son, Jason, was in his room on the first floor. Suddenly she was awakened by a loud crash. A van had run off the road, smacked into the side of the house and come to a stop in the living room. Her first thought was of her son. “Jason!” she yelled out – and from downstairs her son yelled back, “I didn’t do it, Ma!” *(Tammy Bonneau, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Sign outside a suburban house: "Beware of the dog -- he makes snap judgments." *(Johonet C. Wicks, in Reader's Digest)***

**Don’t judge a book by its movie. *(J. W. Eagan)***

**If a country is to be judged by its enemies, America should be rather proud. Maybe it is best for a country to be loved, but the next best is to be hated by the right people. *(David Brinkley)***

**Too often we judge other groups by their worst examples, while judging ourselves by our best intentions. *(George W. Bush, 43rd president)***

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**October takes your breath away, yet people seem to favor May, which comes with bugs, humidity and rain. So why the primacy? October means November soon, while May gives way each year to June. Alas, no matter what you do, you’re judged by what comes after you. My Dad says that song gives him hives. *(Jef Mallett, in Frazz comic strip)***

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**Rolf: “Hi, I’m Rolf. What made you choose this particular park bench, lovely lady?” Lady: “Poor judgment?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Forgiveness is our command. Judgment is not. *(C. Neil Strait)***

**One caterpillar says to another while observing a butterfly flying around above them: “I know he’s your cousin, Maurice, but don’t you think he’s a little strange?” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**Leonardo da Vinci spent ten years perfecting The Last Supper. He reportedly became so engrossed in his work he would forget to eat for several days. The Last Judgment, considered one of the twelve master paintings of all time, consumed eight years of Michelangelo's life. (Glenn Van Ekeren, in The Speaker's Sourcebook)**

**I find hope in the darkest days, and focus in the brightest. I do not judge the universe. *(The Dalai Lama)***

**You have doubtless wondered: “Why is it that, after I have had an uplift, after I have had a high realization, or a strong treatment, I have to meet so many errors? It seems to me that the negative side piles in on me the next day or the next few weeks stronger than ever.” The cause of this is a gathering together of the evil and the good; the day of judgment has arrived, and you are the judge. You may even be buried for “three days” in that material consciousness which has not yet come to the full light. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 155)***

**The degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons. *(Fyodor Dostoyevsky)***

**When you judge someone, you don’t define them, you define yourself. *(Dr. Wayne Dyer, American psychologist and writer)***

**If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it’s stupid. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Dilbert: “How do we get the electricity from our nuclear plant in Elbonia to the toasters over here? Let’s brainstorm, and remember not to judge any ideas at this stage.” Man: “I’m thinking huge barges and trained porpoises – lots of them.” Second man: “Must not judge.” *(Scott Adams, in The Dilbert Zone comic strip)***

**A good executive is judged by the company he keeps – solvent. *(Billings, Montana, Gazette)***

**Judging people by facial 'types': It's traditionally frowned upon to judge a book by its cover, but an Israeli-based startup is touting technology designed to do precisely that: Identify terrorist, pedophiles, geniuses, and a dozen other "types," good and bad, just by analyzing people's faces. Dubbed Faception, the fledging company is already under contract with a U.S. homeland security agency, The Washington Post reports. The algorithm works by sorting images into custom personas with unique personality traits and behaviors based on facial features that may be undetectable by the human eye. "Our personality is determined by our DNA and reflected in our face," says CEO Shai Gilboa. "It's a kind of signal." Faception claims results are accurate 80 percent of the time; the technology identified nine of the 11 terrorists who carried out the Paris attacks and predicted two of three finalists in a 50-player poker tournament. But the Orwellian implications are obvious, and experts warn that the likelihood of false positives is still unacceptably high. "Can I predict that you're an ax murderer just by looking at your face and therefore I should arrest you?" asks University of Washington computer scientist Pedro Domingos. "You can see how this would be controversial. *(The Week magazine, June 17, 2016)***

**It is fair to judge people and stained-glass windows only in their best light. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**Horse sense is a good judgment which keeps horses from betting on people*. (W. C. Fields)***

**In judging others, folks will work overtime for no pay. *(Charles Edwin Carruthers)***

**It is well, when judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality. *(Arnold Bennett)***

**College is a refuge from hasty judgment. *(Robert Frost)***

**Future people may say we were wrong – but in our position, they’d be doing the same thing. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Mom: “You seem a bit preoccupied, Sylvia. You’re thinking about Dan, aren’t you?” Sylvia: “Mom, you’re a good judge of people. Do you really believe Dan would jilt me?” Mom: “Oh, I don’t know, dear. I was not put on this earth to judge other people. I do, or course, but that’s not why I’m here.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**At his Texas rally, Billy Graham quoted his wife’s philosophy regarding giving youth today a chance to prove itself: “Apples are not judged in June but in October.” *(Reader’s Digest)***

**Overheard: “My greatest fear is that I will be standing behind Mother Teresa in the final judgment line and I’ll hear God tell her, ‘You know, you should have done more.’” *(The Jokesmith)***

**I have never for one instant seen clearly within myself. How then would you have me judge the deeds of others? *(Maurice Maeterlinck)***

**Whoever wants to be a judge of human nature should study people’s excuses. *(Friedrich Hebbel, poet)***

**When we meet someone, the impulse is to judge. Within moments, the ego often firmly establishes whether we should like the person or not. These judgments act to keep our hearts closed and separate us from others: “I can’t stand people who sound like that,” or “I don’t like foreigners.” We set ourselves apart by an assumption of superiority. Or we set ourselves apart by establishing our inferiority: “I’m not as bright,” or “I’m less attractive,” or “I feel insignificant next to John.” When we are chronically confined by the boundaries of the ego, this separation manifests itself as a pervasive sense of unworthiness or an inflated sense of arrogance and superiority. We either belittle and judge ourselves and make ourselves “wrong” or we project the separation from our self, making others wrong and creating scapegoats to carry the burden of our insecurities and fears. By forgiving on neutral territory, we can start to heal the habitual judgments, fear and separation that often pervade much of our lives. *(Robin Casarjian, in Forgiveness: A Bold Choice for a Peaceful Heart)***

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**Jesus was constantly castigating the scribes and Pharisees about their pompous and rigid behavior. He was not being judgmental of them as being less than children of God. Rather He was using His judgment and acknowledging their actions as inappropriate and harmful and a bad example for others to follow. (*Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 294)***

**Jesus clearly asserted that we are to be judged according to the way in which we judge. To judge is to decide. The judgment is the decision. To judge is to arrive at a certain point of view. *(Carl Moran, in New Thought magazine)***

**Remember, Jesus said not to judge by the appearance of the situation but to judge by the truth. And what is the truth about any situation or condition? The truth is God is here. God is in charge and all is well. *(Roy E. Fox)***

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**Judgment Day is not a "day." It is a court in perpetual session. *(Franz Kafka)***

**We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done. *(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)***

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**Few things make us feel better than having our judgment vindicated. *(Bits & Pieces)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**A man's judgment is best when he can forget himself and any reputation he may have acquired and can concentrate wholly on making the right decisions. *(Adm. Raymond A. Spruance)***

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**Men in general judge more from appearances than from reality. All men have eyes, but few have the gift of penetration. *(Niccolo Machiavella)***

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**Good judgment comes from experience, and experience . . . well, that comes from poor judgment. *(A. A. Milne, author)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment. *(Michael Corleone, Godfather character)***

**Never judge anyone until you discover what they would like to be, as well as what they are. *(Bits & Pieces)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**People judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold, but so has a hard-boiled egg. *(Good Reading)***

**A person's judgment is no better than his information. *(The Open Door)***

**Overheard: "His whole family's known for poor judgment. One uncle was a safari leader whose last words were: 'It's okay -- that lion has just eaten.'" *(Joan Auer Kelly, in Reader's Digest)***

**It is with our judgments as with our watches; no two go just alike, yet each believes his own. *(Alexander Pope)***

**Last Halloween, the usual pranksters were out. The high price of eggs didn't stop most of the local boys from stocking up on them for throwing and smashing. So when the county judge, who also owns a restaurant, caught some boys with a supply of eggs, it was his duty to pronounce judgment. He took the "prisoners" to his restaurant, where he and his wife cooked a 10 p.m. sausage-and-egg breakfast for the "convicts," and then released them. Small-town law and order had struck again. (*Darilyn Stringer, in Reader's Digest)***

**Anyone can prove he has good judgment by simply declaring that you have. *(Phillip Gallagher, in National Enquirer)***

**Rare is the person who can weigh the faults of others without putting his thumb on the scales. *(Byron J. Langenfield)***

**Jesus said, “Judge not according to appearances but judge righteous judgment.” Righteous judgment is seeing with the single eye. It is seeing with a spiritual perception that reflects a spiritual unity with God-Mind. It sees people, not as they are, but as they can be. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 126)***

**Speak not against anyone whose burden you have not weighed yourself. *(Marion Bradley, in Black Trillium)***

**My grandmother, a staunch Southern Baptist, had marched me off to Sunday school and church regularly. So when I switched to the Episcopal Church after marriage, she challenged me: “What’s wrong with the Baptist Church, son?” “Well,” I explained, “Carole and I flipped a coin to see if we would go to her church or mine, and I lost.” “Serves you right,” said my grandmother. “Good Baptists don’t gamble.” *(J. E. Bedenbaugh, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. *(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

**When a man appears before the Throne of Judgment, the first question he will be asked is not “Have you believed in God?” or “Have you prayed and observed the ritual?” – but “Have you dealt honorably with your fellow man?” *(The Talmud)***

**The truest test of independent judgment is being able to dislike some- one who admires us, and to admire someone who dislikes us. *(Sydney J. Harris, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

**Those who matter don’t judge and those who judge don’t matter. *(Submitted by Kristy Kempton)***

**When we judge on the basis of whether someone deserves something, it does not have enough love. True judgment is always done with the eyes of God, the eyes of love. *(William Earle Cameron, Unity minister)***

**Try to be charitable in your judgment of others. Everyone makes mistakes sometimes, so don’t be too harsh about them. It may seem superior, smart, and clever to be critical, but it’s a poor way to make or keep friends. Furthermore, it seldom accomplishes as much as a friendly, understanding reminder. Sharp criticism makes people angry, not sorry. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Most of us are umpires at heart; we like to call balls and strikes on somebody else. *(Leo Aikman, in Atlanta Constitution)***

**Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. *(Voltaire)***

**Character Reference: On a visit home, my cousin was appalled to find her parents avidly watching television soap operas each day. Unable to withhold her judgment, she demanded, "Mother, Dad, how can you watch that rot?" "Hush, Maxine," her father said. "You don't know these people the way we do." *(Mona S. Lawson, in Reader's Digest)***

**We are all inclined to judge ourselves by our ideals; others, by their acts. *(Harold Nicolson)***

**Why can’t people judge me by my own standards, and not by theirs? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**A reader offers this: “My wife is an excellent judge of other women. And a fine jury. And a good executioner.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Don't trust your wife's judgment. Look at what she married. *(Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Companion, p. 36)***

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**The word “judgment” is from the Latin “jus,” right, and “dico,” I declare. It is a declaration of what is right or just. *(Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 134)***

**We mustn’t judge the world unfairly – it may simply need a little more time. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**At the office: “You know you’re in big trouble if her first words are: ‘Far be it from me to be judgmental, but . . . .’” *(Bill Copeland, in Sarasota, Florida, Herald-Tribune)***

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