

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





Who Has the Right to Judge Me?

— 1ST CORINTHIANS 4:1-4

- The Lord Only

Acts 17:31; John 5:22, 23

- The Master of the Servant

1ST CORINTHIANS 4:1, 2

- I Stand or Fall to Him

ROMANS 14:4 (14)

- We Will All Answer to Him

1ST CORINTHIANS 4:5; ROMANS 14:10-12



Who Has the Right to Judge Me?

— 1ST CORINTHIANS 4:1-4

- Not You

- A ‘Very Small Thing’

- 1ST CORINTHIANS 4:3**

- Not to Judge One Another

- ROMANS 14:3, 10, 13**



Who Has the Right to Judge Me?

— 1ST CORINTHIANS 4:1-4

- Not Myself

- Paul's Acknowledgment

1ST CORINTHIANS 4:4

- I Also Am Imperfect

PSALM 139:23, 24



The Habit of Judgmental Tendencies

- **Itself a Materialistic Perspective**
 - Judgments Based on Outward Appearances
 - Often [Almost Always] Without All the Facts



The Habit of Judgmental Tendencies

- Judgments on [Another's] Household Matters
 - Who is Working [or Not]
 - Parenting



The Habit of Judgmental Tendencies

- Judgments on [Another's] Clothing
 - The Style and/or Age of the Clothing
 - The Quality of [or Lack of] the Clothing



The Habit of Judgmental Tendencies

- Judgments on [Another's] Life Choices
 - Work/Vacations/Entertainment
 - Financial Decisions



Overcoming These Tendencies

- Stick to Spiritual Judgments

- *That You Must Do*

- 1ST CORINTHIANS 5:2, 12**

- Righteous Judgments

- JOHN 7:24; PROVERBS 17:15**



Overcoming These Tendencies

- Reevaluate Your Judgments

- How Does It Compare to Others’?

ROM. 12:16; PROV. 26:12; PHLP. 2:3, 4

- How Does It Affect Others? You?

1ST CORINTHIANS 8:1, 2



Overcoming These Tendencies

- Examine Self

- More Closely

MATTHEW 7:1-5

- More Often

2ND CORINTHIANS 13:5



Overcoming These Tendencies

- Judge As You Want to be Judged

- The 'Golden Rule'

MATTHEW 7:12

- The Same Standard Will Be Used For You

MATTHEW 7:1, 2; JAMES 2:13

