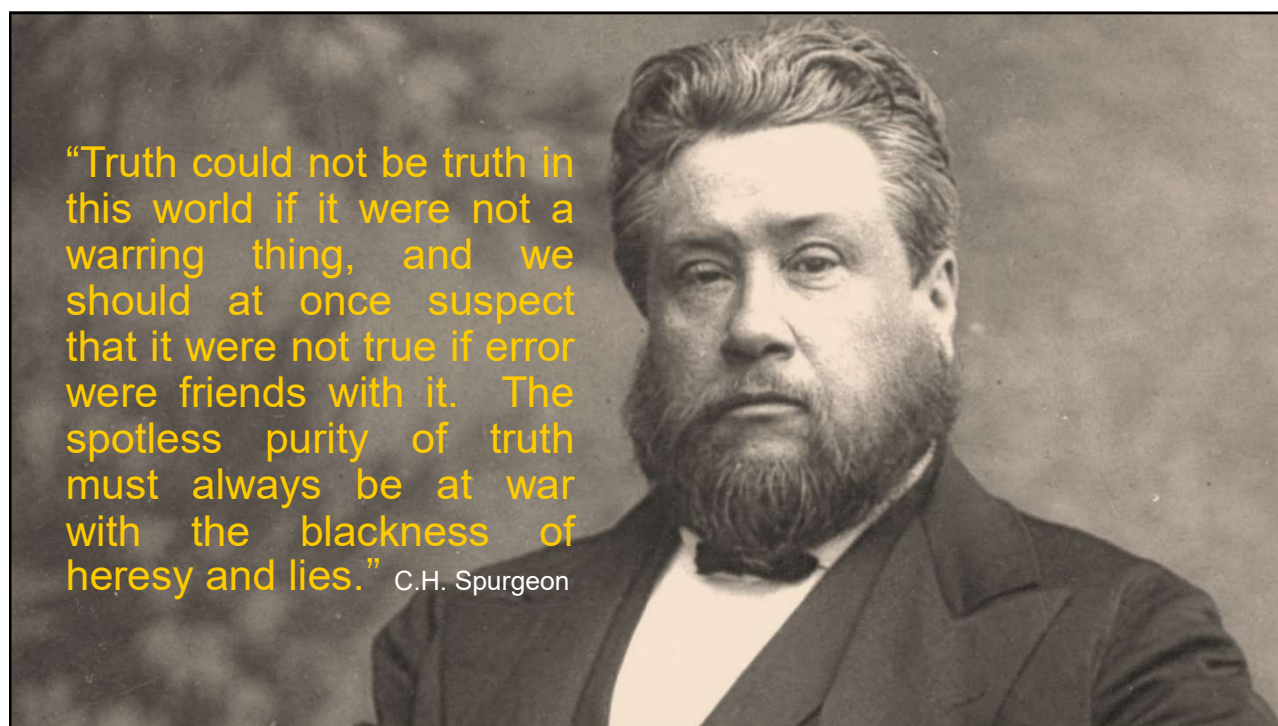




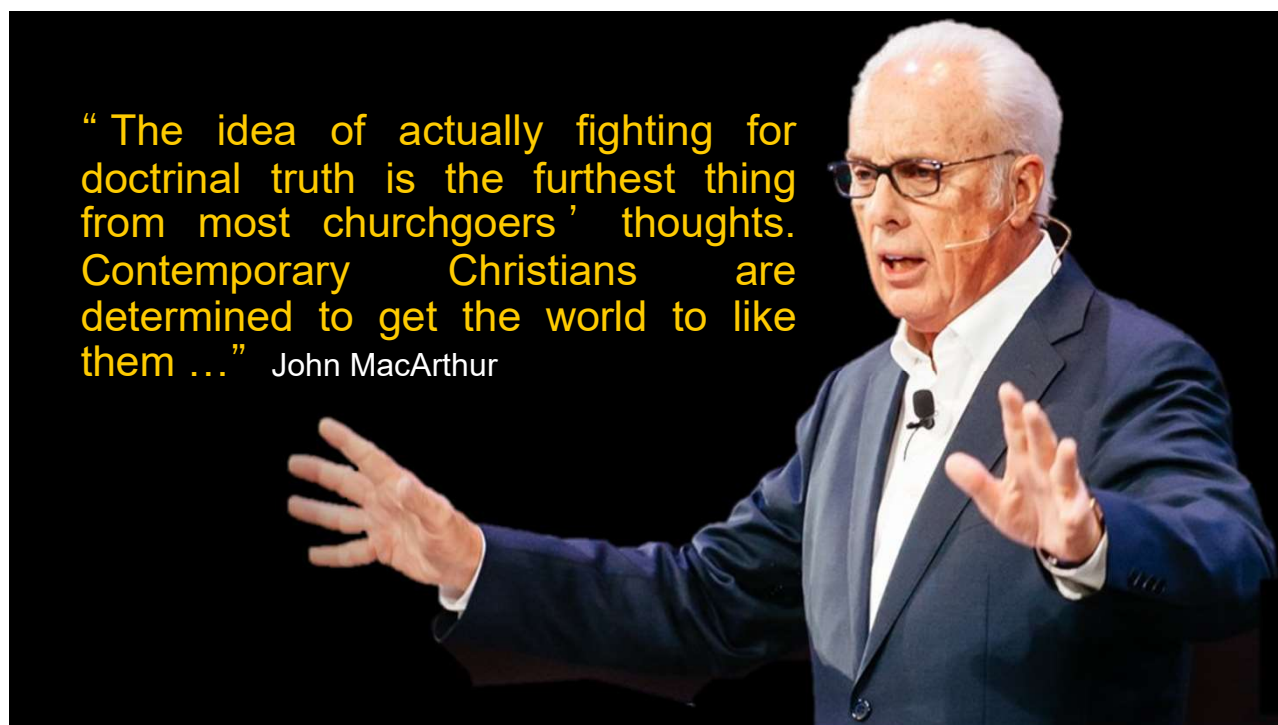
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1. Many things do not need our judgment – God has already judged them.

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- God has condemned the unsaved

Jn 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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- God has condemned sin

Prov 6:16-19 These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

1 Cor 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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2. What we are unqualified to judge is the heart/motives of others.

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1 Cor 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?

1 Cor 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

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Two reasons we are unqualified to judge others:

- We lack perfect information
- We lack personal integrity

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3. We are commanded to judge between good and evil.

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Jn 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Heb 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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Mt 7:15-20 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

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1 Cor 6:2-5 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? ⁴If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? ⁵I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

1 Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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- The “judging” that Scripture refers to is often what we call “discernment”:

Jonah 4:11 And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left – and much livestock?”

Ezk 44:23 “And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Mal 3:18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Mt 16:3 Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

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- Discernment is a gift from God and is based in His wisdom

1 Kings 3:9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil.

Prov 2:3-7 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; ³yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

1 Cor 12:10 to another discerning of spirits,

Phil 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent,

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There is a big difference in righteous judgment and judgmentalism.

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Jn 8:3-5 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned.

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8:7-9 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."⁸And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.⁹Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last.

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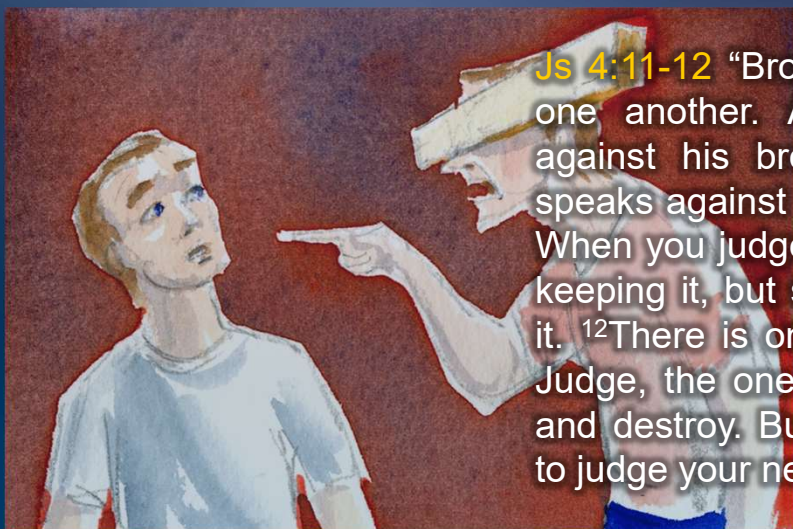
"It is not wrong for us to form opinions about people, but it is wrong for us to do it in an unkind or unjust way. The thing that is here condemned is not forming an opinion that says someone is wrong, but the love of fault finding." Jimmy Draper

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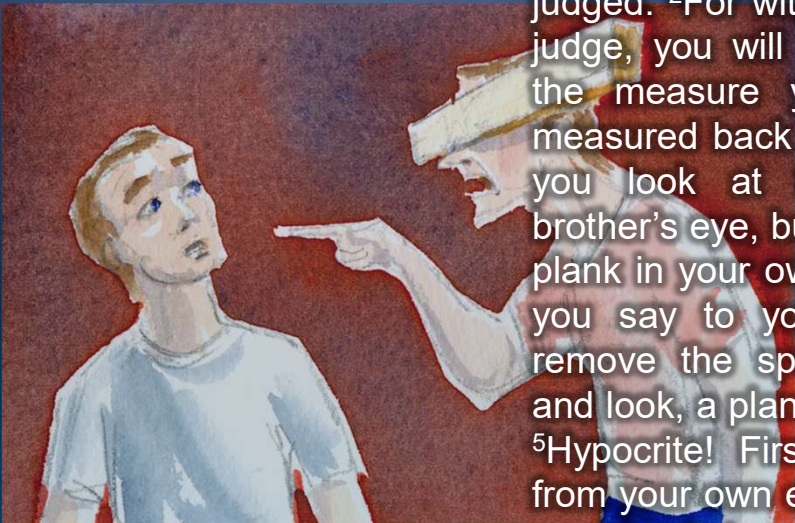
4. Scripture condemns those who would be judgmental.

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Js 4:11-12 "Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you – who are you to judge your neighbor?"

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Mt 7:1-5 “Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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5. Essentials for judging righteous judgment:

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- **Clean your own house first**

Mt 7:5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

- **Have a Christlike attitude**

Js 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

- **Give everyone the benefit of the doubt**

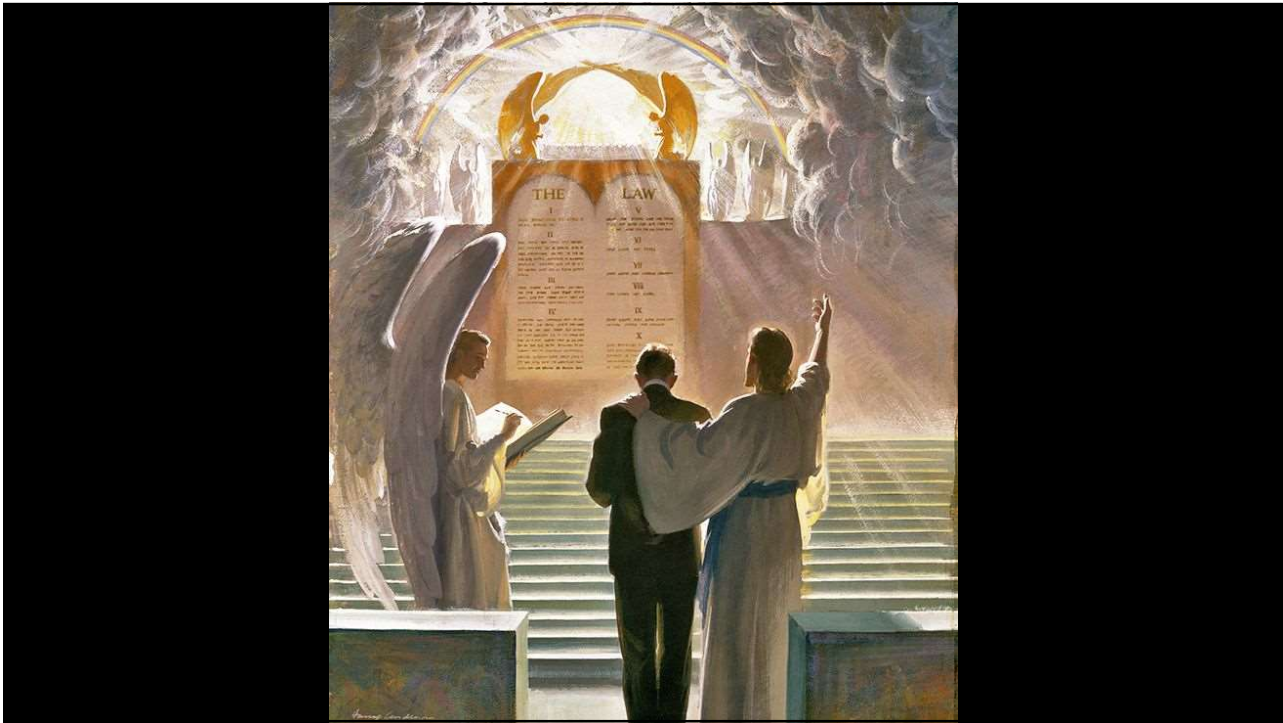
Gal 6:10 speak well of all men, especially those of the household of faith

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The most important judgment you can make: yourself

1 Cor 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

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