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Matthew 7:1 *Do not judge so that you will not be judged.*

Abuse: The idea given by the tolerant element of Christianity is that believers should not condemn, criticize, or take action against others because this is a form of judgment.

Analysis: The judgment that scripture prohibits is hypocritical judgment (Matthew 7:5) and judgment which results in physical or spiritual condemnation (Luke 6:37).

Condemnation, the payback of an *eye for an eye* type of judgment, is up to God and assigned on earth only to government (Romans 13:1-4). It is never to be carried out by an individual.

But Christ and the apostles continually instructed the church to be intolerant and judgmental of sinful actions carried out by so-called believers.

Concerning evaluative intolerance, Christ and the apostles said:

Luke 12:57—*And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?*

John 7:24—*Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.*

1 Corinthians 5:12—*For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?*

1 Corinthians 11:13—*Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?*

1 Corinthians 11:29—*For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.*

2 Corinthians 11:19—*For you, being so wise, tolerate the foolish gladly.*

2 Corinthians 11:20—*For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you.*

Galatians 1:9—*As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!*

Revelation 2:2—*I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false.*

Revelation 2:20—*But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*