

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 2:8 (NIV)

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.

James 3:9-10 (NIV)

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. [10] Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing.

My brothers, this should not be.

James 4:11 (NLT)

Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

James 4:12 (NLT)

God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

Not ABOVE the LAW

James 4:11-12

James 4:6 (NIV)

...God **OPPOSES** the *proud* but
gives **GRACE** to the **HUMBLE**.

James 2:8 (NIV)

If you really **keep the ROYAL LAW**

found in scripture

Love Your neighbor as yourself,

you are doing right.

→ It is **NOT** ok to be Critical or Judgmental if we do it **PERSONALLY**

[11] Don't **speaK evil against** each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you **criticize and judge** each other, then **you are criticizing and judging God's law**. But your job is to **obey the law**, not to judge whether it applies to you. (NLT)

→ Being Judgmental and Critical is
NOT ok even **IF** what you say is **TRUE**

What the Scriptures forbid:
is **JUDGMENTALISM**, a **CRITICAL** and
CONDEMNING spirit that judges
everyone and everything, **seeking to**
run others down. PTW

Before Saying Anything ask...

- Is it **TRUE**?
- Is there any **OTHER WAY** of seeing this?
- Is it possible I may have **MISUNDERSTOOD**?
- Is this about my personal **PREFERENCES**?
- **WHY** am I saying this?
- Will this **HELP** them?

Matthew 7:15 (NIV)

Do NOT judge, or you too
will be judged.

Matthew 18:15 (NAS)

If your **brother** sins, **go and show**
him his fault **IN PRIVATE**;
if he listens to you, you have
won your brother.

Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

Jesus replied, The most important commandment is this: Hear, O Israel. **The Lord our God is the ONE and only Lord.**

[30] And you must love the **Lord your God** with all your **heart**, all your **soul**, all your **mind**, and all your **strength**.

[31] The second is equally important: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** No other commandment is greater than these...

Mark 12:33 (NLT)

[33] ...This is **more important than**
to offer **ALL of the burnt**
offerings and sacrifices
required in the law.

Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

Brothers, if someone is **caught IN a sin**, you who are spiritual **should RESTORE him gently**. But **watch yourself**, or **you also may be tempted**. [2] **Carry** each other's **burdens**, and in this way you will **fulfill the law of Christ**.

James takes away any **RIGHTS** we might claim for **criticizing** our neighbors. Behind the **critical spirit** is an attitude that **usurps God's authority** and is **full of PRIDE**. There should be **NO** critical, harsh, faultfinding in the body of Christ.

→ There is only **ONE Law Giver**
and **Judge** and
He does NOT Need our HELP

[12] **God ALONE, who gave the law,**
IS the Judge. He alone has the power
to **save** or to **destroy**.

So what **RIGHT** do you have
to **judge** your neighbor? (NLT)

Isaiah 45:5-7 (NIV)

I am the LORD, and there is
NO OTHER;
apart from **ME** there is no God.

I will strengthen you, though you have not
acknowledged ME, [6] so that from the rising
of the sun to the place of its setting **men may**
know there is NONE besides **ME**

I am the LORD, and there is NO other.

[7] I form the light and create darkness,
I bring prosperity and create disaster;
I, the LORD, DO ALL these things.

[12] ...But you - **WHO ARE YOU**
to judge your neighbor?

James 3:2 (NIV)

We all stumble in many ways.

If anyone is **never at FAULT in what he SAYS**, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.



John 1:14 (NIV)

The **WORD** became flesh

and made **His dwelling** among us.

We have seen **His glory**, the glory of the

One and Only,

who came from the Father,

FULL of **GRACE** and **TRUTH**.



To walk in the **TRUTH** of God's Word
we will need both **GRACE** and **TRUTH**
(to stay centered)

Mark 10:45 (NLT)

For even the **Son of Man** came
NOT to be served but to **SERVE** others
and to **GIVE His life**
as a **ransom for many.**

James 4:10 (NIV)

Humble yourselves
before the Lord,
and **He will lift you up.**