



JUDGMENTALISM

SUBTLE YET SINFUL

Judgmentalism Defined

▶ Definition:

- Having or displaying a critical (disapproving) position.

▶ Types:

- Convictional
- Doctrinal
- Critical Spirit

▶ **Caution:**

- One of the more subtle of the “respectable” sins
- Often practiced under the guise of being zealous for what is right





**We MUST recognize Judgmentalism
as sin**

WHY IT'S A SIN

The sin of Judgmentalism

3 Ways Judgmentalism demonstrates **Pride**:

- ▶ Elevating ourselves to God's rightful place as Judge
 - Revelation 20:11-15 – **God is the ultimate Judge**
- ▶ Equating our opinions, and practice, with absolute truth
 - Romans 14 – **each of us shall give account of himself to God...**
- ▶ Disregarding fault in our own lives by focusing on judging others
 - Matthew 7:1-5 – **Hypocrite! Remove the plank from your own eye...**



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HOW IT IMPACTS ME

Effect on the Believer

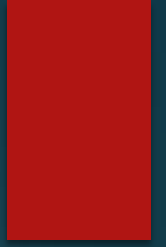
- ▶ Gateway to greater and more grievous sins
- ▶ Produces a damaging testimony to those around us
- ▶ Can result in character assassination or destruction



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as an unacceptable sin in our lives**

HOW TO COMBAT THIS SIN

How to Combat Judgmentalism



- ▶ Search God's Truth
 - Apply God's word in your life
- ▶ Pray
 - For wisdom and enablement to live out God's word
- ▶ Fight
 - The flesh with the Spirit

Combating the sin of Judgmentalism

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

▶ Matthew 7:7

▶ **Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Combat Discontentment

FIGHT

▶ Galatians 5:16

- I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

We MUST:

- ▶ Examine ourselves
- ▶ Repent of our sin
- ▶ **Live for God's glory**