

TRANSCRIPTION – How to Have Proper Judgment

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom...and Shabbat Shalom to those who will be watching with us today. Today, I have a study that I did a while ago, but don't believe we have ever put it on line; and it's an important study in the days we're living in today about judgement; how to give proper judgment.

Many times today you'll hear people talk about and say, "Don't judge". "Don't judge, as you judge you'll be judged," but actually, when we look in scripture in English we have one word, judgement; but actually in Hebrew there's two different words. And the one word is condemning; that's the thing we're not told to do; only Yahweh is the one who condemns; gives out sentence for what somebody does.

But the second word for judgement is actually just simply discerning between right and wrong. So although in English it's the same word judgement, "don't judge, don't judge,"; actually, every day of our life we discern between right and wrong; the time you get up in the morning you are judging; you're making a discernment; what you eat for breakfast, the clothes you put on, the job you go to, the words that come out of your mouth, what you do during the day. Everything are judgments; everything is what's being judged.

So, what I want to today is...I want to, first of all, show why the judgement in the world is so bad; and then I want to go into five points how to have proper judgement...so Isaiah 24 in verse 1 says:

Isaiah 24:1-6 *Lo, YAHWEH empties the earth and makes it bare, and distorts its face, and scatters those living in it. And as it is with the people, so with the priest; as is with the servant, so with the master; as is with the maid, so with her mistress; with the buyer, and the lender, the creditor, and the debtor...And then verse 3... The earth shall completely be emptied and utterly stripped, for YAHWEH has spoken this Word. The earth mourns and languishes; the world droops and languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. And the earth is profaned under those living in it, because they transgress Torah they violate a statute, and they break the everlasting covenant. On account of this a curse has devoured the earth; and they who live in it are held guilty. For this those living in the earth are consumed, and few men are left.*

So the Day of Yahweh, the wrath of Yahweh, is coming on the earth; because the earth, not only has violated the statutes and the Commandments and the judgements of Yahweh: but they have totally eradicated them; they have got rid of them. They don't want nothing to do with anything of the judgement of Yahweh; and that's why judgement is so poor in the world today; and yet in the Congregation it should be completely different.

In religious organizations many times it's not because...face it, people that come into a religious organization are simply people that are in the world that may be changing a belief...but in the Congregation of Yahweh, it shouldn't be that way; in the Congregation of Yahweh it should be very different. We look at 1st Corinthians 1:10, it says:

1st Corinthians 1:10 *Now I beseech you, brothers, through the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah that you all say the same thing, and there be no divisions among you, but you be united in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

So within the Congregation there shouldn't be all kinds of varied judgements coming from people. When something comes up...everything from a doctrinal issue to the calendar and unfortunately even at times when somebody is put out of the Congregation...**everybody should be in the same agreement; because there's only one judgement; the judgement is coming from Yahweh.**

And this is the problem that...at our Bible school for years...we go over with all the students their spiritual gifts; and I could say over all the years that I've been an elder, and even as just a member of the Congregation, the

least gift that is in the body of Messiah is the gift of discernment. And **the gift of discernment is literally discerning right from wrong; it's judgement; it's knowing how to make a proper judgement.** And it's because...and I'm going to go over the things today...because people are not judging according to scripture.

Many times its feelings based; which is the worst type of judgement you can make. **Almost all the times when you're making judgements just based on your feelings; you're going to make a wrong judgement.** And I think that's one of the reasons why Yahweh does not have women in leadership or in...as elders and pastors in the Congregation; because over different things in life, different times of the month, hormone changes...women, their mood swings do change and that will affect their judgement.

If we go to John 16 in verse 8, John 16 in verse 8, very interesting scripture here...but our judgement should all be the same and that's why...as we'll see as we get into it...we need to be seeking the judgement from the Word of Yahweh; and we need to be seeking Yahweh's elders and leaders in this; and we need to be, of course, first of all seeking the Word of Yahweh and Yahweh in prayer...John 16 in verse 8 says:

John 16:8-11 *And having come, that One will convict the world concerning sin, and concerning righteousness, and concerning judgment. Concerning sin, because they do not believe into Me; and concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*

So it's really interesting scripture that we see concerning sin, which is what... the Spring Holy days, Passover; concerning the Law, right...concerning righteousness, which is the law...all thy Commandments are righteousness...which is Shavuot; and concerning judgement; judgement is about Sukkot, the Fall feasts.

So we see now we are living first...when Yahshua first came it was the...we were in the period of Passover; it was the period of Yahshua's sacrifice and the forgiveness of sins; and now we have been in the congregational age of Shavuot; the congregational age of the Law and putting that into practice in righteousness. And now we are going into the congregational age of judgement; Yahweh's judgement coming on the earth which is outlined in the Yom Teruah, the feast of Trumpets; Yahshua's coming back, the sound of the great trumpet; and then also, Sukkot and Yom Kippur and Yahweh's judgement throughout all the earth. John 4 in verse 21, when we go back a few chapters here...John 4 in verse 21:

John 4:21-24 *Yahshua said to her...He's with the Samaritan woman here... Woman, believe Me that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for life is of the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father seeks such, the ones worshiping Him. Elohim is a spirit, and the ones worshiping Him must worship in spirit and truth.*

So some of, at times, tried to equate this to Holy Days...that why you don't have to keep the Holy Day in Jerusalem anymore...it has nothing to do with the Holy Day...and a matter of fact...in chapter 5 in verse 1, *After these things, there was a feast of the Jews, and Yahshua went up to Jerusalem...*the Holy Day. What He is talking about is the temple; Mount Gerizim they had a temple there and they had a temple in Jerusalem; and Yahshua was saying that's where people came up to get forgiveness and that's where through the sacrificial system...and Yahshua is saying that sacrificial system is going to be done away; and Elohim is a Spirit and the ones worshipping Him must worship in Spirit, in truth.

I don't think there was ever a time in the history of man we needed a message like this more than now; because we're living in the time of fake news. We're living in the time...because the internet age, that anything can be manipulated; facts can be turned, facts can be twisted; and it happens every day of the week. It happens all the time and I don't think that the world around us and the news media...they even understand it. I don't even think they understand how twisted they are; and the problem is because there's no judgement.

Because everything is either right or left and according to the way somebody is looking at things...and like I said, even on the internet...if you're a Christian person and you're always looking at Christian websites and buying Christian materials. Everything that comes up on your web pages are going to be related to that kind of thing. If you are a gun person and buying guns, you'll have all these things for guns; or if you were looking at hotels, you'll have all these things for hotels or wherever you are going to.

So it's the world that we're living in today that people basically...where people are getting their judgement from is Google and Facebook; because that's what's infiltrating people's lives. That's the thing that's making people think the way they do; and wow, its evil. It's evil and it's bad and it's not good. John 8 in verse 15...John 8 in verse 15, a few pages over, it says:

John 8:15-16 *You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. But even if I judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me.*

So He's saying to the worldly people, "*You judge according to the flesh.*" And we know we can't judge according to the flesh; we have to judge with righteous judgement. And that's the problem; people are so quick to make decisions to judge. One thing, at least in United States, there used to be country...what they called, "the country by the rule of law"...and one of the most famous things from the time they were a country is, "a man is innocent until proven guilty"; but now **in the world we live in today, in the internet age, it's the opposite; you're guilty until you are proven innocent.**

That anything that happens, anything that someone comes out with and they splash it on the internet that people's lives are ruined; and now you have to not prove...that they don't have to prove that you're guilty; you have to prove you're innocent. You have to prove that you didn't do something. How do you do that? If somebody's accusing you of doing something that you didn't do; instead of them proving that you did it, you have to prove that you didn't do it.

And that's why I say, **if there's ever been a time in the world for the people of Yahweh where we need to understand and learn about true judgement, it's now...it's definitely now.** 1st Corinthians 2 in verse 11, and like I said, **we have to stop judging the way the world does. We have to stop making quick judgements; we have to stop to just judging things automatically.**

And it's so hard because we're conditioned now in our mind whenever we hear something to immediately have a judgement; immediately have a comment. It's a virtual reality world that we're living in; that basically now, it's...the whole world is Satan's virtual reality show; and every single person is a part of it, if you allow it to be. **And if you're making a judgement and you're making decisions on every last thing that comes across without ever getting proof or evidence to anything, then you're falling right into Satan's trap.** So we have to come out of this world and not judge the way the world does. 1st Corinthians 2 in verse 11 says:

1st Corinthians 2:11 *For whom among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within him? So also no one has known the things of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim. But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from Elohim, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by Elohim. For the things which we discuss, are not dependent on the knowledge of words of man's wisdom, but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded. But the material man rejects the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the spiritual man discerns everything, and yet no man is able to discern him...So very, very clear and it says... For "Who has known the mind of YAHWEH that he will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Messiah.*

So very clearly, **we have to use the mind of Messiah for proper judgement.** And **Yahshua is the Living Word; He is the Word of Elohim.** It's in **John 1**, because literally, His mind is this Word. So when you look at the Bible, **the Bible is literally the mind of Yahweh and Yahshua put into writing; and that's why we have**

to just soak the Bible in every day of our life. We have to make, not...not the internet and Facebook and all these things is what's soaking our mind every day; but it's got to be the Bible.

The Bible, the words of these Bibles got to be infiltrating and soaking our mind so that any time a decision comes up...and like I said, in any given day you're making twenty different judgements of everything; the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the things you do; you're making decisions, you're making discernments between right and wrong; it's got to come from the Word of Yahweh. If we go to Isaiah 59, one last scripture before we get into the solution of why...why is there such bad judgement in the world today...why is the Spirit of Yahweh so missing in the world today? It's not because Yahweh doesn't want it there; it's because the people are rejecting it...Isaiah 59:1-4:

Isaiah 59:1-4 *Behold, the hand of YAHWEH is not shortened from saving, nor is His ear heavy from hearing. But your iniquities are separating between you and your Elohim; and your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing. For your hands are defiled by blood; yea, your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood; your tongue murmurs perverseness. No one calls for righteousness; and no one pleads with truth. Trusting emptiness, and speaking vanity, they conceive mischief, and give birth to iniquity.*

See everybody is...they already have an ideology in their mind. So nobody is looking for truth and even in religious circles when you look at it. People are either Protestant, or Evangelical, or whatever it is...for most people, not everybody, because people come out of those religious circles into the truth; but most people have an ideology. So the truth doesn't matter, they're already there; they're speaking vanity. *No one calls for righteousness; and pleads for the truth. Trusting emptiness, and speaking vanity, they conceive mischief, and give birth to iniquity;* because they're not seeking the Word of Yahweh. Drop down to verse 8:

Isaiah 59:8-15 *They do not know the way of peace; and no justice is in their tracks. They have made crooked paths for themselves; everyone going in them does not know peace. For this reason justice is far from us; and righteousness does not overtake us. We wait for light, but, behold, dimness; for brightness, but we walk in doom. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the twilight, in deserted places like ones dying. We all of us roar like bears, and moaning we moan like doves. We wait for justice, but there is none; for Y'shua, but He is far from us. For our rebellions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities; transgressing and lying against YAHWEH, and turning back from our Elohim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and murmuring words of falsehood from the heart. And justice is driven back; and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the plaza, and right is not able to enter. And the truth is lacking; and whoever turns from evil makes himself a prey. And YAHWEH saw; and it was evil in His eyes, and there was no justice.*

Wow, you read this...you would almost think he's talking about the internet. You almost think he's talking about that the people having their minds infiltrated with fake news twenty-four hours a day; and it doesn't matter whether it's religious fake news; it is absolutely everywhere. You see the fake news out there in the world...I mean, just recently they've come out with a full birth abortion bill; and then the news tries to twist it to say that it's not a bad thing. And yet, it's right in the bill that baby as it's being born can be murdered and they're saying that this is legal; and yet, they twist it.

Justice is driven back; and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the plaza, and right is not able to enter. And religious circles...**people believing in everything from a flat earth to a rotating Sabbath; all of these falsehoods; because they're not seeking justice, they're not seeking truth; and they're not understanding to discern between right and wrong.**

And when the world gets to the point...and now, I just heard recently that they're talking about, not just at birth a baby being born, but expanding the law up to five years; that a child up to five years old can be exterminated and killed and murdered if the doctors and the parents decide that that's the best thing.

So I mean how do you even start with discerning between right and wrong when the most innocent thing in the world, the life of a child can even...we can't even agree on that...that the sanctity of the life of the unborn child; but that's the wickedness of the world. But this sermon is not for the world, the sermon is for Yahshua's Congregation; and in the Congregation we need to come out of the world. And the first thing, Matthew 6:33 says:

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of YAHWEH and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

So seek the kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness; and what is righteousness? **Psalm 119:172**...*all Your Commandments are righteousness.*

So **we need to be seeking the Word of Yahweh more than ever before**; because the world...and it is deceptive...they come out with these things and sometimes you hear something and it sounds so evil like this, but then the other side will come out and they'll twist it and turn it and try to make it sound like it's not what you think...and it's just evil. It's calling good for bad and bad for good; and light for darkness and darkness for light. So **we need to be seeking the Kingdom of Yahweh first with all our heart, our mind, our soul, and our strength.**

So now let's get into these five points today, actually six points. Let's get into the **six points on how to have proper judgement**; how to have proper discerning between right and wrong. Number one, first thing is:

1. We Need to Know the Word of Yahweh –

We need to know the Word of Yahweh; and I always say one of the most important books when you are talking about judgement and discernment is the book of Proverbs. Listen to it over and over and over, read it over and over and over, make flash cards; but memorize those Proverbs; because what will happen is...even if you think you don't have a good memory, as time goes on these Proverbs will...they'll start coming into your head at different situations in your life. But, Matthew 4:4...Matthew 4:4 says:

Matthew 4:4 *But answering, He said, It has been written "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of YAHWEH.*

So we have to know the Word of Yahweh; you have to be...in the day and age that we live in, you could not only be reading the Bible; you could be listening to it on CD, you could listen to it in the car. You could...there's all different ways; but you need to be hearing the Word of Yahweh and reading the Word of Yahweh. Romans 10 in verse 17...Romans 10 in verse 17 says:

Romans 10:17 *Then faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of YAHWEH*

So this is where we build our faith...and again, **it's impossible to please Yahweh without faith. So the very first thing...if you're ever going to have judgement, this is the foundation of it. You have to know the Word of Yahweh because that's where the judgment comes from.** *Faith comes by hearing and hearing through the Word of Yahweh. 2nd Timothy 2...2nd Timothy 2 in verse 14...2nd Timothy 2 in verse 14 says:*

2nd Timothy 2:14-16 *You should keep these things in remembrance as a testimony before our Master that the faithful should not argue over words in which there is no profit, but which are destruction to those who listen to them. And study to present yourself approved to YAHWEH, a workman unashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth...right?...study to present yourself approved to YAHWEH, a workman unashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. But shun profane, empty babblings, for they will go on to more and more unrighteousness...shun profane, empty babblings.*

Stay out of useless arguments; we will be judged by every useless word and a lot of times those useless words are coming from useless arguments. Like it says in **Proverbs 16**, “*answer a man according to his folly or he will be wise in his own eyes*”; and the very next verse says, “*don’t answer a fool according to his folly or you will be like him*”.

So we need to know when to give an answer and we need to know when to back down; and that’s why all of this social media and all of this fighting on social media, it’s totally worthless. And I realized this, years and years and years ago, back in the 1990’s when the internet was really just starting and Church of God was falling apart...and wow, I would spend four or five hours giving the most perfect answer to why Yahweh’s Torah is not done away with; and just perfectly answer everything; and yet, you put that up there after four, five, six hours of putting this altogether and somebody within seconds, will be writing back and just saying something ridiculous to it.

You see they’re not even reading it; they’re not even looking at it; and that’s when I realized social media is a waste of time. **Social media is of the devil**; because if it wasn’t for social media, these people would have no platform. You wouldn’t be sitting there...number one they wouldn’t be in a Congregation; they certainly wouldn’t have a platform to speak...so you wouldn’t have to sit there and argue with them over nonsense. So it really is a waste of time doing these things.

Proverbs 18 in verse 13...Proverbs 18 in verse 13 says...*If one turns back...*oh, this is number two, I’m sorry. We’re on point two now. Point one is, we need to know the Word of Yahweh. Point two is:

2. We Need to Hear the Whole Matter Before Making a Judgement –

Hear the whole matter... and it gets back to exactly what I was just saying...that many times with social media people will never even read or listen to what the person is saying; they will try to get their point out.

I’ve had...even talking to people before when they get into something like the false rotating Sabbath or something like that...and I’ve had people tell...“just give me one reason why this can’t be true”, or the flat earth; and you give them five definite reasons why this is one hundred percent a lie; they don’t hear one word what you are saying and they just say, “well what about this? Well, what about this”; instead of hearing to say, “wow, you know something? You made some good points here. You’re right. This is impossible”; because they’re not listening.

So, we have to hear out the whole matter before making a judgement. And that’s why, myself and the International Council...we have the five man International Council...we have matters of the Congregation that come before me and before the Council every year...and it’s important; because it’s just like a Court of Law. Like they always say, there’s three sides to a story; your side, my side and the truth.

And it’s the same way when you are in a Court of Law, when one person gets up there...maybe the prosecutor, and he’s giving the evidence and it might sound convicting...“wow, this person this or they have a witness, this and that”...but then when the other side comes up they explain maybe why something is a certain way. And it’s like, “oh, okay that’s why this was there or whatever”. So **you have to hear the matter out; you can’t make decisions in judgements and discern between right and wrong without hearing out the matter.**

And what I always say...something that has helped me in my life tremendously...**even when I know I am right and not to have a root of bitterness...is to always put myself in the position of the other person.** Now, I might now agree with them what they’re doing; I might totally disagree with what they’re doing...perception and procedure...but maybe, there perception was wrong and that’s why they did it. Maybe they thought that somehow somebody was trying to hurt their family or hurt something; or maybe they thought they were helping somebody by doing it.

Sometimes you'll see someone go to an anti-abortion clinic and try to break the windows or something...and we know it's not right...but at least you understand why they're doing it; there might be a reason. So even though I might not agree with that reason whatsoever, it'll help me to understand better why they're doing it and to be able to make a better judgement. So we need to hear out the whole matter. Proverbs 18:13... Proverbs 18:13 says:

Proverbs 18:13 *One who turns back a matter before he hears; it is folly and shame to him.*

One who turns back a matter before he hears; it is folly and shame to him. John 7:24...

John 7:24 *Do not be judging by hypocrisy...some translations say, by appearance...rather judge with a just judgement.*

It's really interesting; because what is a hypocrite? A hypocrite is an actor; he's somebody that's playing a part. So **when you are judging with hypocrisy, you're judging by appearance; you're judging just by what you are seeing, not by the real facts; rather judge with a just judgement.** And what's a just judgement; judging by the Word of Yahweh.

So we want to be...right, like it says in the book of Jacob, "slow to speak, quick to hear, slow to judge". We want to **make sure that we're really...we're understanding; we're hearing...we're hearing the testimony, we're hearing the situation and we're hearing the evidence before rendering a decision.** Proverbs 14...Proverbs 11 in verse 14 says:

Proverbs 11:14 *In the absence of wise counsels, the people fall; but safety is in the abundance of counselors.*

So in my life I've always had that...I tell people at the Bible school that we've had for almost fifteen years now...talk about an inner circle; that everybody should have an inner circle; people that you trust, people that you counsel with. And whenever a big decision is coming...any kind of big decision; moving, having a job, maybe a medical procedure...you should always counsel...I mean you should always counsel.

I know in my position, being the leader of the Congregation from Jerusalem...like I said, I have the International Council; I've got other elders, I have close friends, I have my family; but **whenever making a decision you need wise counsel. You don't just make decisions by yourself** or what you're doing. You have to have counsel for that. Proverbs 15 in verse 22 says:

Proverbs 15:22 *Without counsel plans are broken; but by many counselors they rise.*

Without counsel plans are broken; but by many counselors they rise. So what does that say right? Because we all have different spiritual gifts; and I may be gifted and have wisdom in one area, but maybe not another area; or maybe there is something I'm missing. So **if there is something that I'm thinking about or something that I am going to implement, I should be out there looking for wise counsel so I could look at every angle of something to make the best decisions.**

Because sometimes people will say, "well, the way you learn is by making mistakes. So you know, I know I made some mistakes; but I learned by this." And I say, "No, no that's not the best way to learn; **the best way to learn is by somebody else's mistakes**".

I could learn by their mistake, so I don't make the same mistakes. I don't have to touch a stove to know it's hot; because I've seen other people touch the stove and get burned. So they say, it's the difference between a smart person and a wise person...**a smart person knows how to get out of a jam when he's in it, and that's important; but the wise person, he knows how not to get into the jam to begin with.**

So we want to be wise people. We want to have the wisdom not to get ourselves into these troubles to begin with; and one way is through a multitude of counsel. 1 Kings 1:11 and 12, and this is when what?...when Adonijah was taking the kingship by himself...King David was old, he didn't know what was going on and Nathan, the Prophet, the wise prophet, comes...and he comes to Bathsheba to tell her advice...to give her...how to handle the situation; and it says:

1 Kings 1:11-12 *And Nathan..Na-tan...spoke to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith reigns, and our master David does not know? And now, come, please let me counsel you with counsel, and save your life, and the life of your son Solomon.*

So, wow, can you imagine...Solomon, the greatest, richest, wisest king that ever lived in Israel, right...a type of messiah...we're going over Song of Solomon in the Bible studies, right...and here it is, if it wasn't for Nathan, he would have been killed. Because if Adonijah became king, you better believe it that Solomon would have been killed. So he gave her wise counsel so that she was able to reverse the situation.

So, we have to be able to make sure...**it's in imperative in our life**; or we're going to keep getting ourself in trouble, after trouble, after trouble. **We have to make sure that we're seeking wise counsel**; and of course when we are talking about that, where do we get wise counsel from? **We get wise counsel from the elders from the ministry.** Hebrews 13:17...Hebrews 13:17, it says:

Hebrews 13:17 *Listen to your spiritual leaders and submit to them; for they watch for your souls, giving an account that they may do this with joy, and not with grieving; for this would be unprofitable to you.*

And praise Yahweh, I feel blessed by the fact, that I'm able to counsel hundreds and hundreds of people a year; sometimes people will say to me, "oh I know you're busy and you know I didn't want to come to you." Well, that's what I'm busy with; I'm busy with counseling the brethren. I'm a shepherd and I want to counsel the sheep; and the day I get too busy to be counseling the sheep, is the day I got to change my lifestyle; because that's what I'm here for, that is my job. So never, ever think that I'm too busy to handle the simplest question or the biggest question...that's what I'm here for...that's what I want to be here for and it would hurt me more if you didn't come to me and counsel.

So elders...or not just me, or any of the elders that are there...but we need to do that, even elders...many, many, many of the elders counsel with me on many, many different subjects on any given week or month or day or year. So again, this is only wisdom; this is what judgement is, is discerning between right and wrong; and in the multitude of counsels, we have to hear the matter before judging and getting wise counsel is part of that. Number three...number three:

3. Never Judge by Feelings –

Never judge by feelings...this is one of the most important things; because...and I gave a sermon not that long ago on *Emotional Maturity and the True Believer*...I think it was actually a class that we had that's there. I have sermons on it also on line; but it's important.

If you've never heard that message, please listen to it. It's extremely important; because emotions are one of the greatest ways that Satan will work with us; and unfortunately for women, it's more than men. There's things with women that they have greater than men; women have more vision sometimes than men and more detailed than men.

Sometimes they have more mercy and more compassion than men; but the one thing that a woman does not have more than a man, is that **a woman does make a lot of by emotions; and you can't, you can't**...like I said, **emotions are trigger points.** Emotions are there to tell us something, right? So whether it's an emotion where you're laughing, an emotion where you're crying, an emotion where you're injured, you're hurt,

right?...**every single emotion is a trigger point to tell you there's something that needs to be changed; or there's something that's happening.**

And so you don't want to ignore your emotions; but at the same rate, if you make your judgements based on your emotions...and face it, there's all kinds of emotions; anger and pride that you will most of the time, maybe not all the time, but most of the time you're going to make a wrong judgement. So, number three, never judge by feelings. Jeremiah 17 in verse 9...Jeremiah 17 in verse 9 says:

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is incurable; who can know it?*

Who can know it? And I've had many people tell me over the years that they're like, "but Elder Don, my heart is telling me this," and I'll tell them, "Yeah, because your heart is deceitful. Your heart is deceitful." **You're not to make judgements by your heart; you're to make judgements** the way we are going to go here; **by knowing the Word of Yahweh, by hearing the whole matter, getting proper counsel and not judging by your feelings;** we're only up to third thing here. So we want to make sure...**the heart is deceitful...**the heart is deceitful. In Deuteronomy 19 right...Deuteronomy 19:15 says:

Deuteronomy 19:15 *One witness shall not rise against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin which he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses a thing will be established.*

So, **we're not making decisions based on emotions, based on feelings, based on this; because that can all be manipulated by Satan.** And I say this, when I'm dealing with anchors and neural associations...just look at a commercial, I used to wonder as a child...why would anybody pay millions of dollars to put these thirty second or one minute commercials on television, especially when you're a business that everybody knows about...because they're anchors; because they hook people's minds and they play on your emotions. They draw your emotion in...that's what Satan does with songs...he does it with songs and he does it in other ways; but they hook them in.

But the Bible says ***in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall everything be established. So we go by witnesses; we go by evidence.*** And even, there's been times where I'm making judgements and I know who is right and I know who is wrong. There's no doubt in my mind that I know about that...for the character of the person, for different reasons; and yet, if I don't have the witnesses or the evidence, I can't judge against it.

Sometimes in my wisdom, Yahweh will give me a way to make the person reveal them self; through questionings and what not; but that's what I'm looking for. I'm looking for evidence; I'm not looking for emotions. So **I'm not making a judgement on emotion; I'm making a judgement on the evidence;** and that's what we need, in the mouth of two or three witnesses, let everything be established. Matthew 23:23...Matthew 23 in verse 23 says:

Matthew 23:23 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and dill and cumin, and you have left aside the weightier matters of the Torah judgment, and mercy, and faith. And these things were necessary for you to have done, and these things you should have not forgotten.*

So very, very clearly, when **we're looking at making proper judgements right...judgement, mercy and faith...judgment, mercy and faith; they're the most important things.** So it's not the tithing and these other things are not important; and like He says, "You're not to do the one without doing the other"; but we have to look, what are the most important things; judgement, mercy and faith.

So we want to make sure that **when we're dealing with judgement, right, that when we're indecisive, when we're not sure, we want to always err on the side of mercy.** You should always err on the side of mercy. Now of course, when you're sure and when there is evidence there, you have to do the judgement the Torah says; but when we're not sure, or if there's even repentance saying we are sure...say there's repentance there, the person did something wrong, really, really bad; but he's repentant...well, you want to err

on the side of mercy; **mercy before sacrifice is what we want to do. We want to make sure we're always erring on the side of mercy if there's repentance.** Matthew 18 in verse 21:

Matthew 18:21-22 *Then, Peter drew near to him...to Yahshua...and said, My Master, how many times should I forgive my brother with me who is at fault. Should I forgive him up to seven times? And Yahshua said, I do not say to you, up till seven times, but rather until seventy times seventy seven.*

So if there's repentance, there no end to forgiveness; but this is where the problem comes in...sometimes, sometimes something will happen...and maybe someone left the Congregation or was put out of the Congregation for whatever...could be a sin of adultery say...say they left their spouse and they just re-married somebody else; they're living in adultery...and now a year goes by, two years go by, and there's no repentance; and now, that person maybe will contact a brother or sister in the Congregation; they'll be acting nice, they'll be friendly, "how are you doing", and that person...feeling wise...because they never had anything against this person, they stop contact with them because they're living in a sin; but then that person, over feelings, will feel sorry and start their friendship again without repentance.

And you want to know something, not only is that the wrong judgement; it's really the wrong judgement; because **you're now accountable; because you're actually supporting that sin when someone is living in the sin and never repented;** and now they're trying to replace the relationships that they lost because of that sinful nature.

So I say this...this has happened before in the Congregation, where somebody had to be put out for sin. They knew they sinned, they just didn't want to repent and they were ostracized for a while; and they came so close. The person was counseling with me and they're saying, "Yeah, I want to repent, I want to come back," and at the last minute, somebody in the Congregation makes contact with that person, tells them, "Oh, I love you. I'll still be friends with you even when you're sinning," and boom, the person then never repents.

So this is more than just making bad judgements in our life...that, fact is, because remember we're judged by not only every idle word, but by every judgement. You reap what you sow and when you make bad judgements, bad things are going to come back to you; but **when you're making bad judgements this way, that are against the Congregation, or against somebody's eternal life, then you could be accountable for that.**

And that's why we want to make sure...YES, when there's repentance, Yahweh's mercy is unending. We always, **when there's repentance, it doesn't matter how many times the person even sinned or how many times they did whatever; or how bad the sin was that they did even to us personal, we never ever hold a grudge; we always forgive.** We always err on the side of mercy; but on the same rate, that's when there's repentance there; and you will never, ever, ever see in the Bible even once where there's forgiveness without repentance; because what are you forgiving...the person isn't repenting. So until there's repentance...that's why out of love for the person, we have to shun them; we have to keep them separated until that repentance comes.

The other thing is we want to **make sure we don't have respect of person.** So this is part of never judging by feelings; because sometimes there could be somebody there...and I've seen them with elders throughout my years in the Congregation...where they are such a good elder; they can give such good sermons; they are so good with making judgment; but then, all a sudden it's their situation. It's their child or their best friend; or maybe a fellow elder; and now, they're not doing the same judgement. I've seen it unfortunately even with sometimes...even an elder could be in the Congregation where I find out...boy, this elder is so straight in everything; but then you find out, well his child did this; or his child committed fornication and you didn't give the same judgement.

And that is so evil in the eyes of Yahweh, being a respecter of person; because **we have to give equal justice to everybody;** or else, we're certainly not qualified to be an elder or a leader in the Congregation if we can't

keep this; and actually, you'll be disqualified from the Kingdom; because in the Kingdom, there certainly will be equal justice. Jacob 2 in verse 1...Jacob 2 in verse one says:

Jacob 2:1-6 *My brothers, do not with partiality uphold the glorious faith of our Master Yahshua Messiah. For if a gold-fingered man in splendid clothing comes into your synagogue, and a poor one in shabby clothing also comes in; and you look on the one wearing the splendid clothing, and say to him, You sit here comfortably; and to the poor one you say, stand there, or, Sit here under my footstool; did you not show partiality among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Hear, my beloved brothers, did not Elohim choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to the ones loving Him? But you dishonored the poor one. Do not the rich ones oppress you, and they drag you before the judgment seat?*

And in the world, this is just the way it is. Sometimes people, they give precedent to somebody who's famous or somebody who they think has a lot of money; and what good is that? If their famous, have money, it doesn't help you at all. We need to have equal justice with everybody; it doesn't matter what the situation is. Drop down to verse 8:

Jacob 2:8-13 *If you truly fulfill the royal Law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you have respect of persons, you commit sin; and you are convicted by the Torah, as transgressors of the Torah. For whoever shall keep all the Torah, even though he fail in but one statute, he shall become guilty as to all of it. For He who said, You shall not commit adultery, also said, You shall not murder. But if you do not commit adultery, but you murder, you have become a transgressor of the Torah. So speak and act as men being about to be judged through a Law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to the one not showing mercy. And by mercy you will be raised above judgment.*

So again, **we don't want to show partiality; we want to make sure that we're not a respecter of person and we're treating everybody equally.** Deuteronomy 1 in verse 17...Deuteronomy 1 in verse 17 says:

Deuteronomy 1:17 *You shall not recognize persons in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid because of the face of a man, for the judgment is Elohim's; and the thing too hard for you, you shall bring near to me, and I shall hear it.*

Again, so that's what its saying here...that we want to make sure what we said in the other one...that we are seeking wise counsel, but we're not showing respect of person. Deuteronomy 16:18...Deuteronomy 16 in verse 18 says:

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 *You shall appoint judges and officers for yourself in all your gates which YAHWEH your Elohim gives you, tribe by tribe. And they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not pervert judgment. You shall not regard faces, nor shall you take a bribe; for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise, and perverts the words of the righteous. You shall follow perfect justice, that you may live and possess the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving you.*

Wow, you look in the world today, and what is all...you look at the leadership in almost every country; the congressmen, the people that are in parliament, the presidents, the prime-ministers; and it's all based on respect of persons. What happens...because none of these people, except maybe if you're Donald Trump, has billions of dollars to pay their own campaign...these people have lobbyists. These people have people that are giving them millions of dollars to win an election.

And what do think is going to happen once they win the election? You don't think that, tobacco lobbyists and the oil lobbyists and the medical lobbyists and all these lobbyists that are given millions of dollars to get this certain person elected, that they expect that, that person is going to makes laws and do things for them? And that's what it's all about; Obama Care, that's what it was all about.

So these people, they are showing respect of persons and it's not proper judgement. And it's not that they're fighting for what they even believe in; they're simply fighting because they're lackeys; they're fighting because they're being paid for their services. It's like prostitution, political prostitution; and it's going on everywhere. And we want to make sure that in the Congregation, it's not that way.

And I always say this...that's one reason why I'm honored to say...even though it's my right as an elder, to...if you live by the good news, if you work by the good news, you could live by the good news; the workman is worthy of his hire; so I have every right to be able to take living money for that; but I don't do that. I don't take any money from the Congregation and that's one of the reasons; because I don't want to be a lackey. I only want to serve Yahweh. And over the years, I've had people come to me trying to let me know they have big tithes that they can give, if I'm willing to do something a certain way that they want. And I say, "Take your political garbage somewhere else. That's not the way you do it in Yahweh's Congregation".

You want to give a tithe, you give a tithe; you're not giving it to me, you're giving it to Yahweh. I'm not getting a penny of it and it doesn't matter to me, one way or the other. The more tithe money there, the more I can help people; the less tithe money there, the less; but that's up to Yahweh to provide it. So whatever is there, I'll make the most of it; it's a gift that He's given me, the gift of administration; but certainly I'm not going to compromise with the Word of Yahweh or my own integrity over somebody's tithe money; I could care less.

So we want to make sure that we are judging properly; we're not judging by feelings and we're not being a respect of person. And the other thing, when it comes to this, **you cannot pity sin; even though, we have to have mercy when there's forgiveness, we cannot pity sin.** Ezekiel 7... Ezekiel the 7th chapter, says, starting in verse 1:

Ezekiel 7:1-9 *And it happened, the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, And you, son of man, so says Adonai YAHWEH to the ground of Israel: An end! The end has come on the four corners of the earth. The end is now on you, and I will send My anger on you and will judge you according to your ways and will lay on you all your abominations. And My eye shall not spare you, and I will not have pity. But I will lay your ways on you, and your abominations shall be in your midst, and you shall know that I am YAHWEH. So says Adonai YAHWEH: An evil! An only evil! Behold, it has come! An end has come, the end has come! It has awakened against you, behold, it has come! The encirclement has come to you, O dwellers of the earth. The time has come, the day of tumult is near, and not a shout of the hills...And then he talks about pouring His anger on them from that point... I will soon pour out My fury on you and fulfill My anger on you. And I will judge you according to your ways and will put on you all your abominations. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity; I will put on you according to your ways and your abominations that are in your midst. And you shall know that I am YAHWEH who strikes.*

So, and we're living in this time; this is talking about the Day of Yahweh that's coming. So although, **as far as condemnation; that's only to Yahweh. We reserve all condemnation to Him; we don't condemn anybody; but we judge situations.** We do discern between right and wrong and **we should never, ever, ever pity sin. It doesn't matter whether if it's somebody we know, even somebody close to us or a child or a family member. We cannot pity sin; because the wages of sin are death; and you're not helping anybody if you're pitying sin.**

We want to pity people who have a repentant heart. Yahweh puts the sins from the east to the west; we never want to bring sins up to people that have repented that are in the Congregation; but until that repentance comes, we have to stand strong; and like I said, even if it's within our own family. Romans 12 in verse 9...Romans 12 in verse 9 says:

Romans 12:9 *Let not your love be deceitful, hate that which is evil, hold fast to that which is good,*

Let not your love be deceitful; because some people think this is love. They think, "No, no, no we have to love everybody." And no, of course we love everybody, but it's not showing love...**it's not showing love to**

condone sin. You cannot have pity on sin. **So let not your love be deceitful, hate that which is evil, hold fast to that which is good; and that's where discernment comes in; that's what judgement is.** We have to make sure we're judging correctly.

So after seeking the Word of Yahweh, hearing out the whole matter, getting proper counsel, and then not showing respect of person and then making your judgement...the next point...point four is:

4. Don't Look Back –

Don't look back...and I've seen this many times over the years and it's one of the saddest things to me; because all of a sudden, I'll see somebody in a situation...and like I said, they actually looked to the Word of Yahweh, they actually asked counsel; they're actually not being a respect of person; they're doing everything right and they have this hard decision to make and they make the right decision...and it's like, wow I'm going to pray for this person because that was a hard decision, they made it; and then what happens, a few months later, they change the decision. They feel sorry for the person or they feel sorry for this; and you can't do it.

Believe me, I've had some hard decisions to make in my life...even sometimes when it was putting somebody out of the Congregation, who could of even been somebody who was a leader and a friend, and I said, "please know what you are doing; because the judgement's going to be...once you make this decision, you're not going to be able to come back to your position. You're abdicating that position". And the person did it, and then afterwards the person actually did repent and come back to the Congregation; and I had to hold stand though with that judgement to say, "well you know, you can't come right back to your position. You abdicated that." And the person understood that; and actually still came back and still wanted to part of the Congregation whether they were going to be an elder or not; it didn't matter in that circumstance.

But we have to make sure that when we render a right judgement...because the judgement isn't ours; the judgement is from the Word of Yahweh; and whether that means somebody who stole a sheep and has to give back four sheep for the one they stole...**you have to keep the judgement there. You are not doing anybody a benefit if you don't keep the judgement.**

It's like a child that...if you have a child and they refuse to repent and you simply give in to them, you're not helping that child; you're actually condoning the sin of that child. And like I always say, you have to break the child's will, but not his spirit...you break the child's will, but not his spirit; but you have to hold out. You have to make sure that, that child understands there's rules; and when they do something wrong, this is going to be the rule they do; they something right, this is going to be the rule and that **you can't give in; because when you give in what you're showing them is that you're double-minded.** Jacob 1 in verse 8.... Jacob 1 in verse 8 says:

Jacob 1:8 *he is a double-souled man, not dependable in all his ways.*

Right, the double-minded person is a double-souled man, not dependable in all his ways. And I'll tell you there's nobody who's less useful to Yahweh, and less useful to the Congregation, who's a double-minded person. And sometimes somebody will come up to me and they'll tell me about something that somebody did, they'll say, "you can't believe so and so did this," and I say, "No, I can believe it, don't you remember when they did this and this and this."

A double-minded person is unstable in all their ways, not just one way! So when somebody is double-minded...and one day this and one day that...you have to expect they're going to be double-minded in everything because that's what scripture says. So we don't want to be double-minded. **We want to make sure that we are consistent; we are consistent with judgement because it's from the Word of Yahweh. It doesn't matter whether the judgement is to a stranger, a friend, our self; the judgement is always the same because the judgement comes from the Word of Yahweh.** And like I said, if the judgement is right; it's not our judgement, its Yahweh's judgement. Luke 9 in verse 62 says:

Luke 9:62 *But Yahshua said to him, No man places his hand upon the handle of a plough and looks backward and is useful to the kingdom of YAHWEH.*

So **you can't look back; once the judgement is made**...now again, if it's not the proper judgement; and if you didn't have all the information; if a new witness came...of course, if you made a wrong judgement, then you have to be humble enough and admit that and change. But I'm talking about if you made the right judgement you can't change then...you have to stick to it as hard as that is; because whoever puts his hand to the plough and turns back, they're not fit for the Kingdom of Yahweh. And **this is where character is really built; half the character is built in making that proper decision and the other of the character is built in keeping the proper decision**. So **it's important that we are consistent...consistent and not wavering**...not wavering. John 5 in verse 30 says:

John 5:30 *I am not able to do anything of my own desire, but as I hear I judge and my judgment is just, for I don't seek my will, but rather the will of Him who sent me.*

Right, so this is...like I said, **the judgement is Yahweh's; and we don't seek our own will, we seek the will of Him who sent me**. Number five:

5. Don't Judge in Matters that Don't Pertain to Us –

And it might sound simple at first...but again, in this virtual reality world we're living in...people do this every day of the week and don't even know they're doing it. They don't even they're doing it...when a story comes out on the news and this person is being accused of this, or he's not being accused of this; or he did this, or he didn't do this...and people will make judgements without knowing anything...without knowing the situation, without knowing the person; and that's why, you're innocent until proven guilty.

And if something happens somewhere around the world by somebody as bad as it may be...or is whatever; you have to stay out of it. **Do not judge in matters that don't pertain to us**; it's that simple. Matthew 7:1 and 2 says:

Matthew 7:1-2 *Do not condemn, that you not be condemned; for whatever condemnation you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured again to you.*

So sometimes you could be bringing your own condemnation by it...by saying...and I will give you a perfect example. In the news, I guess it was a little while ago, not that long ago, but a little while ago, there was some high school children that were on a trip somewhere...I think it was Washington...and the news came out and said that they were provoking this American Indian and they were doing these things; and it went all over the news for two or three days how bad these kids were and everything else; well in the end, it was found out that there was some kind of really bad supremacy group that was there; that was actually provoking these children. And they were men, that were evil men that were there; part of this group that was doing it; and that the Indian man was with those guys doing it. And in the end, once they actually investigated it and witnesses came; the boys were all exonerated.

But how many people actually...and there were movie stars, there were news people that put things on their twitter accounts and all the other things...and you know what? Now there's lawyers for those boys; that they gave forty-eight hours for every single person who publically put these things out to either retract them or they're suing them; and a whole bunch of people are getting sued now.

So why make a decision on that? **The Bible says; don't even look upon the evil** to begin with. So if there's evil things in the news...**if it has nothing to do with us, we have to be very careful before we start condemning things that we don't even know what they are**. Now there are things that we should be condemning; such as full birth abortion or partial birth abortion, or any abortion. These are things that are evil;

they are against the Word of Yahweh; and we're not condemning individuals or individual cases; we're condemning the act of it; because the act of abortion is murder and it's against the will of Yahweh.

Same as the act of homosexuality... is an evil sin against Yahweh and against the whole family structure. But people that are living that lifestyle, that's between them and Yahweh for them to work out. It's not for us that we're condemning every last person who is actually doing this; we're condemning the lifestyle. Like they say, "Hate the sin, not the sinner". Luke 12 in verse 13...Luke 12 in verse 13 says:

Luke 12:13-14 *And one from the crowd said to Him, ...to Yahshua...Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me. But He said to him, Man, who appointed Me a judge or a divider over you?*

So this is Yahshua...this is the Judge...this is a person that has every right to judge everything; because He's the Judge of the earth. And this man rightfully had an inheritance; the brother wasn't giving it...he was probably totally in the right...and look what Yahshua says, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or a divider over you?" **Do not judge in matters that don't pertain to you!**

Yahshua had nothing to do with this; He didn't know the guy, He wasn't the one that was rendering judgement...and what did He say, "who made Me a judge and a divider over you?" So things that don't pertain to us we should not meddle in. Proverbs 26 in verse 17 says:

Proverbs 6:17 *One passing by, crossing themselves over strife that is not his own, is like one who grabs a dog's ears.*

I always think of a Pit Bull when I think of this scripture...think of someone trying to grab a Pit Bull by the ears and see if you don't get your fingers bitten off, right? *One passing by, crossing over strife that is not his own, is like one who grabs a dog's ears.*

In the day and age that we live in today where there is all this road rage and people getting shot over nothing; and somebody will kill somebody because you looked the wrong way. In stores, like McDonalds, people are just attacking workers there...it's better to keep your business...stay to yourself. It's better not to get involved in things that don't pertain to you; for your own safety. **Don't meddle in other people's business.**

Also in the same way, in not judging in matters that don't pertain to you; don't judge worldly matters, but spiritual matters, right? **Don't judge worldly matters, but spiritual matters.** Romans 14 in verse 1...Romans 14 in verse 1:

Romans 14:1-4 *Assist the one who is weak in the faith, not to judgments of your own thoughts...So if somebody's weak in the faith, assist them; don't judge them... One indeed believes to eat all things, but being weak, another one eats vegetables. The one eating, do not despise the one not eating. And the one not eating, do not judge the one eating, for Elohim received him. Who are you judging another man's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. But he will stand, for his master is able to make him stand. One indeed judges a day above another day; and another one judges every day alike. Let each one be fully assured in his own mind...Drop down to verse 13...*

Romans 14:13 *Then let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this, not to put a stumbling-block or an offense toward another brother.*

So this is talking about in matters that are not scripture. In matters of scripture, we are to judge; but in matters that are not scripture, right...sometimes, maybe in a Congregation somebody is offended at coffee, that, "coffee is a drug and we shouldn't be having coffee here," or this and that, right? So whatever could be...if it's not part of scripture...instead of saying, "wow, he's so weak. Who is he to say that...show me in the Bible where I can't drink coffee." Isn't it better not to throw a stumbling block between a neighbor? I can drink my

coffee at home. I don't have to come to the service and hold the coffee up antagonizing the person; and I shouldn't have thoughts of judgement.

We should be encouraging and lifting up the weak brother. If somebody is weak like that and has the wrong understanding...if it's not scriptural; if it's scriptural, you got to stand your ground. And that's where people make mistake here in judgement again; by using this scripture and then they are going to use something that is scriptural...like maybe, something like the Holy days; like keeping the Holy days on a wrong day; because somebody is keeping it on a wrong day and they're doing it to try to keep unity...no, you don't keep the Holy day on a wrong day for anybody. It doesn't matter who it is. But over here, **we want to make sure that we're judging on the spiritual and not the physical**...Jacob 4 in verse 11...Jacob 4 in verse 11 says:

Jacob 4:11-12 *Do not speak against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother, and is judging a brother, he speaks against the Torah, and judges the Torah. But if you judge the Torah, you are not a doer of the Torah but a judge. For there is One Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you who judge your neighbor?*

And **this is gossip again; it goes too far...judging that someone isn't doing something the way that you want him to do it. It's all self-righteousness to begin with; but it will make you have improper judgements when you do this.** And like scripture says, 1st Corinthians 6 in verse 4...**why not just be wronged?** Sometimes it's the more mature way to simply be wronged, as long as it's not something that's sin, right? 1st Corinthians 6 in verse 4 says:

1st Corinthians 6:4-8 *You have worldly affairs to be settled and yet you put men of bad reputation in the congregation on the judgment seat. I say this to you to make you feel ashamed. So, is there not a single wise one among you, who could settle a dispute between brother and brother? But brother goes to court with brother and this before unbelievers! Indeed, then, there is already a failure with you all, that you have lawsuits with yourselves. Why not instead be wronged? Why not instead be defrauded? But you do wrong, and defraud, and you do these things to brethren!*

So very clearly, sometimes you know what...Yahweh is the ultimate Judge...sometimes a mistake is made even by an elder...I've told this story of what happened in my life with this. But at the end of the day, that's it; that when the decision is made...so what...what did I lose? **As long as it's in physical matters, it doesn't make a difference; but we are to judge sin; don't get these two mixed up. When it's physical things, so what...so you lost whatever...but when it comes to sin, we have to stand our ground.** 1st Corinthians 5 in verse 1 says:

1st Corinthians 5:1-7 *Everywhere it is heard that fornication is among you, and such immorality which is not even named among the heathen, so as for one to have his father's wife. And your boasting, and have not rather mourned, that he who did this thing might be removed from among you. For being absent in body, but being present in spirit, I have already judged the one who has worked out this thing, as if I was present: In the name of our Master Yahshua Messiah, you being gathered together with my spirit also, with the power of our Master Yahshua Messiah, to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of our Master Yahshua. Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the lump?...so here it is, they're saying how spiritual they are, they have so much love that they are allowing the sin in their Congregation. And the apostle Paul is saying no... Then clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened...This is at Passover time... For Messiah, our Passover, is sacrificed for us...And then if we drop down to verse 9:*

1st Corinthians 5:9-13 *I wrote to you in an epistle not to associate with immoral persons; and not altogether with the fornicators of the world, or with the covetous, or extortionists, or idolaters, since then you must leave the world. But now I wrote to you not to associate intimately; if anyone is called a brother and is either immoral, or a covetous, or idolater, reviler, drunkard, extortionist, with such a one do not even break bread with to eat. For what business is it to me to judge the ones outside the congregation? But you may make judgments on*

those inside the congregation. But Elohim will judge the ones outside. "And you shall put out from yourselves those wicked person."

So when there's not repentance...when its sinful matters...yes, we have every right to judge. And **if there's brethren in the Congregation that they know that there is sin, they need to come to the elders; they need to bring to the elders the evidence of the sin.** It needs to be brought before the person...the **Matthew 18** process; you try to have the person repent. **It's not about getting people out of the Congregation; it's about getting them restored with Yahweh.**

And if they repent, then you welcome them back; you put it from the east to the west and you move on. But **if there's sin in the Congregation and its' not being repented of, you have to put that sin outside the Congregation; and we can't be afraid to judge in these situations. We have to judge sin,** it's that simple. Proverbs 12 in verse 1...be done here in about another five or ten minutes...Proverbs 12 in verse 1...because now, the last part is...**we have to love instruction; because if you don't love instruction, you're never going to have proper judgement; because we have to grow into judgement.**

We don't have proper judgement; you're not born with it! When you're new in the Congregation; you're a babe in Messiah, you going to make mistakes; and even I'm thirty-five years in the faith, I make mistakes. But **we have to love instruction so that we grow...**Proverbs 12:1:

Proverbs 12:1 *Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is like a brute animal.*

Right? *Whoever loves instruction love knowledge, but he who hates correction is like a brute animal...*verse 15 of the same chapter...

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is upright in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice is wise.*

Right? We're living in a time where the self-righteous Laodicean, they don't want to hear it. And like I said, I know when I came into the truth thirty-five years ago...wow, people were different...you could...they were correctable. I wanted to learn; it didn't matter how it was said, or what was said; I wasn't offended; I wanted to learn.

Today, people get offended at almost anything and its self-righteousness; it's a Laodicean spirit that's there. But we have to make sure...*the way of a fool is upright in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice is wise...*Proverbs 13 in verse 1:

Proverbs 13:1 *A wise son hears his father instruction, but a scorner does not hear rebuke.*

So the scorner, he doesn't want to hear...and there's been times before, somebody came in the Congregation and they give you this false praise and how great you are, and they love you...until there's something they do wrong and you have to correct them; then, woof...then that's it, feet do your stuff, they're going for the door; and that's not the way it is. **A wise son hears his father instruction, a scorner does not hear rebuke. So we have to make sure that we love it; we love rebuke, we love instruction; that's the way we are going to learn.** Proverbs 9 in verse 9...Proverbs 9 in verse 9 says:

Proverbs 9:9-11 *Give to a wise one, and he will be more wise; teach a just one, and he will increase in learning. The fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life will be increased.*

So don't you understand it, it actually will increase your life and give you more days; because wisdom will teach you how to be wise in all forms of life! So that's the key, when you're not correctable, you're only hurting yourself; because you'll make the same mistake over and over and over again. So we have to make sure...like it says, *the fear of YAHWEH is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy*

*One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and the years of your life will be increased. **We need wisdom from correction to learn proper judgement...**Proverbs 10 in verse 17...Proverbs 10 in verse 17 says:*

Proverbs 10:17 *On the way of life is He who heeds instruction, but he who refuses reproof is going astray.*

On the way of life is He who heeds instruction, but he who refuses reproof is going astray. We have to love instruction...Proverbs 6 in verse 23...Proverbs 6 in verse 23...and that's why I said, you got to memorize the book of Proverbs. There's so many awesome proverbs in here that will come to mind in any given situation...Proverbs 6:23 says:

Proverbs 6:23 *For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light; and reproofs of instruction are a way of life,*

Wow, listen that again... ***For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light; and the reproofs of instruction are a way of life.*** The reproofs are instruction...it has to be a way of life for us, right? Like I say, **in the Kingdom is not only a reality, it's a mentality; it has to be a way of life to always be correctable.** And I'll tell you something, the most richest and successful people in this world, they never to the point where they think, "oh, well we're rich and successful; we stopped learned." They're always learning; that's why they meet together every year at conferences to learn more; and that's the way that you grow.

So you have to make sure that it's a way of life; *reproofs of instruction are a way of life...*Psalm 19...Psalm 19 in verse 9...because only Yahweh has true judgement and that's why...praise Him for that...that the judgement that they give us, the mind of Messiah, that we can also have the same judgement...Psalms 19 in verse 9 says:

Psalms 19:9-10 *The fear of YAHWEH is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of YAHWEH are true, they are righteous altogether. They are more precious than gold, even much fine gold, and sweeter than honey and drops from the honeycomb.*

So we read a couple of these proverbs about when you are looking for being instructable, **you need the fear of Yahweh; that's the first gateway to the Kingdom; because without the fear of Yahweh, you will be self-righteous. It's the fear of Yahweh that humbles us to be able to take correction.** You have to have the fear of Yahweh, first gateway to the Kingdom. And like it says right here, *the fear of YAHWEH is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of YAHWEH are true, they are righteous altogether.*

We have to...we have to look at them as an asset greater than gold...greater than gold that is there; because **only Yahweh and Yahshua have true judgement. We must let the flesh die so that the Spirit can live. We must walk by faith so that we can have proper judgement.** If we look at things from a logical worldly viewpoint, pride and feelings is going to stop our good judgement...

Matthew 26 in verse 39, when Yahshua was in the Garden of Gethsemane, what did He say, *"let this cup pass from Me; but not My will be done; but Your will be done.. Not My will be done; but Your will be done."*

So we need to make sure we're seeking the will of Yahweh. It can't be our own will or you're never going to have...**you have to surrender your mind and you got to let the Holy Spirit put the proper judgement in your mind.**

And I'll tell you something, through the years...I say this when I'm studying the Bible that the Holy Spirit will literally talk to me in my mind, it will glow like the Umin and the Thummin on the pages; it will take me from scripture to scripture. But it's the same sometimes, when I'm making judgements...that as I'm listening there intently and trying to go by these things...sometimes, the Holy Spirit will put something in my mind...He'll tell

me, “this person isn’t telling the truth,” or tell me, “ask this question or do this.” And you have to listen to that...**you have to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.**

So just in recapping...like we said, **yes, we are to judge; we’re not to condemn; but we’re to discern right and wrong.** So in English it might be the same thing, but in Hebrew, it’s two different words. We’re not to condemn, but we are to discern between right and wrong.

And how do we discern? By these six mandates that I just went over; these six rules...We need to **know the Word of Yahweh**; we need to **hear the whole matter before judging** and also **seek wise counsel**; we have to **never judge by feelings**; and make sure **we’re not a respect of person**; we have to make sure that **after we seek the Word of Yahweh and we hear the whole matter, we don’t look back**, we’re **not double-minded**; we have to make sure we **don’t judge in matters that don’t pertain to us**; and **we have to love instruction to gain wisdom and judgement.**

So I pray, in a time where there is so little judgement in this world...I pray that this message has helped you and I pray that Yahweh will help you to increase in judgement for the days to come.

Yahweh bless...Shabbat Shalom!