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# BIBLE TALK

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This week the question is: ***Can being "non-judgmental" become dangerous?***

To be politically correct today one must be non-judgmental. Never should a person ever tell another person that they are wrong about something. To be politically correct, rather than judge and condemn anything, one must be tolerant of everything.

What is interesting is that those who preach we should all be non-judgmental and tolerant are themselves judgmental when it comes to being judgmental. Denominations, in the name of God, are ***criticizing and judging and condemning*** anyone who would ***criticize, judge and condemn things that are sinful***.

Read thru your Bible. See the prophets. Watch them criticize, judge and condemn in the name of God. See them criticize, judge and condemn under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

## **Jeremiah 5:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> "An astonishing and horrible thing  
Has been committed in the land:  
<sup>31</sup> The prophets prophesy falsely,  
And the priests rule by their own power;  
And My people love to have it so.  
But what will you do in the end?"

## **Isalah 30:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> That this is a rebellious people,  
Lying children,  
Children who will not hear the law of the LORD;  
<sup>10</sup> Who say to the seers, "Do not see,"  
And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things;  
Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

Think about what this last passage is saying. People in Israel were sinning. They were violating the law of God. They didn't want any prophet to criticize them. They didn't want to be condemned for what they were doing.

This is what's happening today.

Read thru your Bible. See what the Lord Himself did when He came to the earth. See Him criticize and judge and condemn men and women for violating the law of God.

### **Matthew 15:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

<sup>8</sup> “These people draw near to Me with their mouth,

And honor Me with their lips,

But their heart is far from Me.

<sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

There are churches today who would not tolerate this kind of talk from their pulpit. There are churches today who do not want anyone or anything criticized for anything. They don't want anyone condemned. The only thing they condemn are people who say something is sinful.

Now ... I invite you to read your Bible again. Watch and see a church in the NT which was tolerant. See what the Lord Himself said to this church which wouldn't condemn anything.

### **Revelation 2:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

<sup>13</sup> “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

<sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

<sup>15</sup> Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup> Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

<sup>17</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

This church at Pergamos was compromising. It was tolerant. It was allowing doctrine to be taught – a doctrine which encourages immorality. Listen to what the Lord said, “*You also have*

*those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans which thing I hate.*” Is that politically correct to say this? Of course not. But this was the truth and it was spoken by the Lord Jesus Himself.

The Lord is not as tolerant and soft as many churches today portray Him.

Listen again:

### **Revelation 2:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

<sup>19</sup> “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

<sup>21</sup> And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

<sup>22</sup> Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup> I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Here is a church very similar to the last one we read about. The first church was tolerating false doctrine which leads to immorality. This church is tolerating immorality. The Lord Himself condemned this church. The Lord told this church to repent and if they didn’t repent, they would stand before Him on Judgment Day and find themselves eternally lost.

A wise person once said: ***If you sand for nothing you will fall for anything***. That is so true.

The Bible does forbid hypocritical judging in Mt 7:1-5. In other words, it is hypocritical to condemn someone else when you are doing the very same thing yourself. What is the solution? Jesus said:

### **Matthew 7:5**

<sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Listen to this! There are two things: (a) first remove the plank from your own eye. But that is not the end of the story. That's not all the Lord said. After removing the plank from your own eye, (b) you must then remove the speck from your brother's eye.

If your brother has a speck in his eye, you cannot just sit there and say nothing.

The non-judgmental, politically correct, non-condemning of any sin is itself sinful and unbiblical.

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