



Transformed by the Word

By Bryan Kirby

Great Verses of the Bible...and the ones after them...

Judge NOT!...

The worst problem in my mind with great passages of the Bible is that they are often taken out of context or used as proof-texts for one particular doctrinal push or another. Getting out of the passage what God wants us to understand is how these passages are meant to be understood, but alas, they are many times used to prove what one may already believe. One of the most often quoted and misapplied passages in the Bible comes from Matthew 7:1. The passage reads:

“Judge not, that you be not judged.”

Many people use this passage to end any potential conversation concerning morality, ethics or any standard of behavior. If someone is doing something that is morally wrong...don't say a word because we are told not to judge. And IF by some chance one does decide to judge, they themselves are in fact guilty of violating the scriptures. This, incidentally, would involve the judgment of a person to say that someone has in fact passed judgment on another, but then again, we never said this argument was logically consistent. Matthew 7:1 is a great passage of the Bible and it does teach us a very valuable lesson about how we treat one another, but it must be taken in the proper context of the passage to be fully understood. This means looking not only at Matthew 7:1, but the verses after it, too.

The first thing we need to understand is that Jesus spoke these words in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-7:29). During this sermon, Jesus made many revolutionary statements to the people in Judea about how they interact with one another. The scribes and Pharisees of that time had colluded to form a standard code of behavior that placed heavy “religious” burdens on the people. These religious burdens were then used by the Pharisees to “pass judgment” on their brothers and thus elevate the Pharisees to the level of the religious elite.

These heavy burdens and religious judgments would involve things from how much one would tithe to the temple to the most minute things like how many steps one would take on the Sabbath, how one would phrase their wording in taking oaths, if one washed their hands by the prescribed methods before taking meals, and the like. The Pharisees, however, would neglect the more important things like justice, charity, faith and godly righteousness. Their judgment had become based on self-righteousness. THIS is what Jesus condemns.

If we read the entire passage (Matthew 7:1-5), we will soon see that Jesus is condemning the hypocritical judgment that the scribes and Pharisees had been using to condemn the populous of Judea. They were proclaiming that if one did not behave as *they* prescribed, they would not be righteous before God. Jesus told the people that the only standard by which one may judge and will be judged is God's standard (righteous judgment – John 7:24). If we are to exercise righteous judgment, Jesus continues, we are to start with the person in the mirror first. We are to examine ourselves, see to it that we are doing the best we can, get sin out of our lives and then exercise righteous judgment. Jesus also lets us know judging eternal matters belongs to God (2 Timothy 4:8), but instead we are to limit our judgment to the ethical matters of the day (Matthew 7:15).

Do not think that Matthew 7:1 prohibits a child of God from making judgments in any and all situations. It does not. The restrictions placed on making those judgments should keep a child of God from passing harsh, hypocritical or self-righteous judgment based on any standard except God's. If you are ever required by conscience to make an ethical evaluation of a situation, don't let the misapplication of Matthew 7:1 cause you to back down from God's standard for living right in His eyes.



Our Prayer List

Our Members

***Mattie Hanks** is scheduled for hip surgery on Wednesday, February 8th at OLOL.

***George Lyles** needs our prayers for health problems he is having at this time.

***Mary Meerscheidt** is home recovering from head and neck injuries due to a fall.

Juanita Adkins, Calvin & Hazel Aucoin, Rose Bearden, Marcelle Brian, Ruth Bennett, Phyllis Cutrer, Elaine Ellis, Bernadine Franklin, Randall Guitreau, George Hallum, Mattie Hanks, Bob Harris, Johnny Hayden, Wayne Kendrick, Mike McClure, Bryan Plunket, Alice Reece, JV Strother, Jay Strother, Iness Watson, Eli Zachary

Our Family & Friends

*Mimi Agee, one of our MDO teachers, has two little boys who are both very sick with high fever. Please keep **Riley & Aidan** in your prayers.

***Mark Bates**, Elizabeth Bates' son, is having heart related health issues at this time.

*Debby Franklin asks that we pray for the nephew of her friend, Rebecca Harvard. **Danny Bonner** has been diagnosed with a tumor on his kidney and is scheduled for surgery at OLOL. He will be going to St. Jude Children's Hospital for treatment after his surgery.

*Prayers are requested for **Katrina Davis**, Shanita Lewis' sister who lives in Shreveport. Katrina is expecting and has a large abdominal tumor that is necessitating them taking the baby a little early. She is scheduled for surgery on Monday. Please keep Katrina and her baby in your prayers.

***John Epperson**, Billie McGraw's brother-in-law, is recovering from cancer surgery.

***Gavin Franklin**, Billie McGraw's great-grandson, will have additional eye surgery on February 16th.

***Jerry Mason**, Jermar Mason's (new visitor) father, is scheduled for surgery on Friday, February 3rd at OLOL. Jermar, his wife Melissa, and daughter Jasmine, have been visiting with us recently.

Lamar Aldridge (former member), Harrison Boone (infant nephew of Mistie Merrell), Charles & Edwina Boozer (former members), Galvin & Marshall Boozer (Boozer's sons), Sharon Berrong (Carolyn Hadley's sister), Shirley Browning (Bernadette Mills' sister), Lin Carter (friend of Peeples'), Beulah Cooper (Karen Alexander's aunt), Scott Crowe (friend of Jerry Sistrunk), Bob Davidson (father of former member Joy Riggs), Kay Doiron (friend of Barbara Germany), Jo Drott (Bobbie O'Bannion's sister), Rick Emerson (former member), Linda Fisher (Revonda Kirby's aunt), L.C. & Elizabeth Fontenot (Laurice Fontenot's dad and stepmother), Frances Gilbert (Karen Ruckstuhl's mother), Joyce Groger (Anthony Groger's mother), Pat Hale (Karen Alexander's mother), Jerrine Harrell (Joyce Watson's sister), Jerry Kimbrough (former member), Lloyd & Janet Lewenthal (Larry Lewenthal's parents), the Mao family (Revonda Kirby's cousin), Betty Merck (mother of visitor Shane Cross), Tessa Michael (Revonda Kirby's niece), Frances Newman (Bobby O'Bannion's sister), Blake Rader (friend of Mandi Zachary), Connie Reine (Necole Weaver's mother), Michael Talbot (Barbara Germany's brother), Alton Wheat (former member)

➔If you have a current status on your friend or family member, please notify the office so we can update our list.

In The Military – Brad Adams, Josh Burleigh, Luke Burleigh, Seth Eaves, John Hale, Evan Heavey, Brad Hibbard, Ryan Hill, William Hill, Quinn Kelley, Jonathan Lewenthal, Sam Mao, Richard McNaylor, Alex Null, Daniel Pearson, Grant Pinkston, Chris Roberts, Howard Stroud, Blaine Tramel, Will Tramel, Scott Vantine

Our Missionaries in Honduras – Santiago Bonilla & Candido Huete



Announcements

Thank You

Thanks to the brethren at Goodwood for the cards, notes, and calls upon my release from the hospital and recovery from pneumonia. Prayer is stronger than prescriptions. In Christ, Wayne Minton

Potluck Dinner/Blood Drive/Pack the Pantry

Our Fellowship Meal/Blood Drive is **this Sunday, February 5th** after morning services. Plan to bring food for your family and our visitors, and enjoy this time of fellowship together. Also, please consider donating blood if you can. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. **There will be an afternoon service following the meal.**

As you may recall, last year we began quarterly food drives to restock our pantry that coincide with our fellowship meals. Check the following list (using the first letter of your last name as a guide) for suggested items to bring and **help us fill the podium area with our donations** on the 5th! **AB** – Boxed Grits; Boxed Oatmeal; **CDE** – 15 oz cans of: Green Beans, Corn, Mixed Vegetables; **FG** – 15 oz cans of: Chili, Ravioli, Spaghettios; **HI** – 10 oz cans of soup: Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Tomato, ABC's, Chicken & Stars, etc.; **JKL** – Tuna (5 oz cans or 7 oz pouches); Tuna Helper (any flavor); **MN** – Boxed Macaroni & Cheese; Ramen Noodles (any flavor); **OPQR** – 1 lb bags of: Rice, Dried Beans (any variety); **STU** – 1 lb bag or box of dried Spaghetti; Spaghetti Sauce (large cans or plastic containers); **VWXYZ** – 28 oz creamy Peanut Butter.

Attention Young at Heart

All those “55ish” and older are invited to attend our next Young at Heart Luncheon on **Monday, February 6th** beginning at **11:30 AM** in the BOB. Join us for some “heart-felt” fun and games to celebrate Valentine’s Day!

Youth Group “Dinner and a Movie” Night

There will be a “Dinner and a Movie” night for the Youth group on **Friday, February 10th**, beginning at **6:30 PM** at the home of Chris & Carisse Randolph. Make plans now to attend this fun event!

Bridal Shower

Mike & Samantha Gulino will be hosting a Bridal Shower at their home for **Aimee Adams** and **Doran Drummond** on **Saturday, February 18th** at **2:00 PM**. This shower isn't just a ladies shower; it's for couples, so men are invited as well! Aimee & Doran are registered at Macy's, Bed Bath & Beyond and Pottery Barn. The Gulino's address is 13050 Adonice Lane, Gonzales LA. See Mike if you need directions!

VBS Meeting

There will be a **VBS Planning meeting** on **Sunday, February 26th** after the **morning and evening** worship service. Everyone who is able to help with VBS this year is asked to attend one of the meetings. Please see **Bobby Chelette** for more information.

Involvement Survey

An effort is underway to update our lists of **those willing to assist** in the different areas of service for the congregation. You should have received a packet of forms this week for each adult member (including youth group) of your household. Please carefully consider where you can assist and mark those areas on the form. One area where volunteers are especially needed is men who are willing to give the **Wednesday night devotional** message. Please return your completed forms to the office as soon as you can. Thank you for your help in the many areas of service and worship of our Lord!

OWNit Bible Reading Schedule

	O.T.	Wisdom or N.T.	Family Focus
2/06 - Mon	Jer 36-37	1 Cor 2-4	1 Cor 3
2/07 - Tues	Jer 38-40	1 Cor 5-6	Jer 39
2/08 - Wed	Jer 41-43	1 Cor 7	Jer 42
2/09 - Thurs	Jer 44-46	1 Cor 8-9	1 Cor 8
2/10 - Fri	Jer 47-48	1 Cor 10-11	1 Cor 10
2/11 - Sat	Jer 49	1 Cor 12-13	1 Cor 12

Available in the Foyer...

Copies of two Christian publications, “**Gospel Minutes**” and “**The Search Light**” are available on the rack in the foyer. They were given to us by Nolan Watson. Thank you!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship – 5:30 PM
Wednesday Fellowship Meal – 5:45 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class – 10:00 AM (Sept – May)



Serving the Lord

Serving Sunday Morning – Feb 5

Song Leader – Chris Randolph
Opening Prayer – Mike Chivleatto
Scripture Reader – Louis Claverie
Closing Prayer – Joe Ricks
Preside over the Table – Clayton Goodrum

Nursery Schedule

Feb 5 – Leigh & Caroline Hill
Feb 12 – Hilary Bryant, Karen McGibboney

Communion Cup Pick-Up

Feb 5 – Chandler Bryant, Hanson Chaney
Alison & Mackenzie Gregor,
Luke, Abigail & Ben James, Dane Shaw
Feb 12 – Rylan & Brennan Coe, Presley &
Sullivan Louque, Mason Talley,
Will & Colin Teague, Trent Truax

Pew Crew Schedule

Feb 5 – Jim & Ila Adams, Yvonne Sibley
Feb 12 – Hazel Hayden

Building Security Schedule

Feb 5 & 8 – Tom Kelso
Feb 12 & 15 – Jeff Talley

Ladies Bible Class – Feb 14

Lesson – The Rewards of Work
Teacher – Lu Craft

Wednesday Night Schedule – Feb 8

Song Leader – Dustin Kirby
Speaker – Greg Hopkins
Prayer – Ben Vallery

Contact Elder for February – Tom Kelso

Ladies' Food Ministry Coordinator for February – Leigh Hill

Items Needed for Pantry – 28 oz creamy Peanut Butter

Upcoming Sermons

Feb 5 AM The Anchor Project:
Remembering To Do Good
PM Afternoon devotional
Feb 12 AM The Anchor Project:
Worshipping Freely
PM 1 & 2 Corinthians:
Wearing the Veil

How Are We Doing?

For Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sunday AM Bible Class	NA
Sunday AM Attendance	199
AM Average for Year	209
Sunday Contribution	\$6742
Average for Year	\$5991

Elders: Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie

Deacons: Scott Adams, Bobby Chelette, Mike Chivleatto, Kyle Franklin, Jerry Germany, Mike Gulino, Danny Hedglin, William Hill, Jason Keith, Pat McGibboney, Chris Randolph, Bert Ruckstuhl

Staff: Pulpit Minister: Bryan Kirby, Secretaries: Chris Goodrum & Peggy Moragne