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Command of Christ → Do Not Judge  
Character Quality → Discernment  
Scripture Reference → Matthew 7:1

Jesus addressed three elements in this command:

The act of judging / The way we judge / The standard of measure of judgment

There are 5 Greek words that have been translated into English and in Scripture are used in reference to “judge” or “judgment.” (Listed with the Strong’s Concordance numbers)

[When studying the listed texts, it would be highly beneficial to use a concordance so as to be able to reference each term to insure proper application of each word.]

*Krino* (2919) – to try, condemn, punish

to distinguish or decide [as in a judicial sentence]

Other uses in scripture: avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine

Texts: Matthew 7:1; Romans 2:16 – (concerning passing a final verdict)

*Anakrino* (350) – to scrutinize; investigate; interrogate; determine

Other uses in scripture: ask, question, discern, examine, search

Texts: 1 Corinthians 4:3-5 – (concerning examining Paul’s motives)

*Diakrino* (1252) – to separate thoroughly

Other uses in scripture: to contend, differ, discern, doubt, be partial, waver

Texts: 1 Corinthians 14:29 - (concerning prophecy)

*Katakrino* (2632) – to sentence

Other uses in scripture: condemn, damn

Texts: 1 Corinthians 11:31, 32 – (concerning condemnation and damnation)

*Gnome* (1106) – assessment, opinion, resolve

Other uses in scripture: advice, agreement, mind, purpose

Texts: 1 Corinthians 1:10; 7:25 – (concerning being of the same opinion)

We need to know the difference between the sin of judgment and the ministry of discernment.