

Majoring on the Majors!
Part 13: Friends: To judge or not!
Slide Notations

We're talking through five of the hindrances to Kingdom of God fullness! Money as god! **Lk 16.13 Mt6.33 1Tim 5.9,10** "No fullness there!" Not knowing God is totally knowable! **Eph 3.12-18** Marriages that don't "One-Up!" **Gen 1.26 & 2.7-25 E5.15-35** "NFT!" Kids who aren't trained to connect to God's Kingdom! **Mt 18.5-14, Pr22.6, Mt25.14-30, Romans 1.21-32**

Any one of those four issues can rob us of our fullness in God! But operating with a net, network of Godly friends, we can survive almost any fall!

Begin today talking about building bridges... to friends, of friends, for friends!

Proverbial Friends... A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity! **Pr17.17** A man that has friends must show himself friendly and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother! **18.24** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; the kisses of an enemy are deceitful. **27.6** As iron sharpens iron a man sharpens the countenance of his friend! **27.17**

Functional Friends... People fall for a lack of counsel but in a multitude of counselors there is safety! **Pr11.14** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes but the wise listens to counsel! **15.22** Every purpose is established by counsel, only with good advice, make war! **20.18** Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so does the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel. **27.9**

What happens... If friends don't know how to be...? If friends don't know what they are placed by God to do? If friends don't know how much they can hurt or help us by not knowing...? If friends are willing to accept less than God's norm for friendship? If friends don't use Jesus as a model and definition of what a friend is & does?

"And there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother; whose wise counsel makes us wise and safe and sharp in warfare!"

Not starting there... but we will finish there!

Have to remove the hindrances to true friendship before we can discover what it is!

Main hindrance! "No judging" mentality/society! "Don't judge me..." "You're judging me..." "Who are you to judge me...?" or, "Judge not, lest you be judged!" *Same people who make a thousand unconscious judgments a day...* Clothes they wear/food in the mouth! *Hundreds of conscious judgments a day...* Clothes others wear/food they eat! **Do just fine w/judgment, until it's "them!"**

Main hindrance! The main judging hindrance is not knowing what the word says about judging... The kinds of judgment we are to exercise, and not exercise... The Spirit we are to hold in the judgments we are called to exercise... **The purpose of Christian judgment!**

To judge or not? "Judge (krino) not, that you be not judged (k)! For with what judgment (k) you judge (k) you will be judged... why behold the mote in your brother's eye but don't consider the board in your own? *Hypocrite!* First pull the board out of your own eye and then you will see clearly enough to pull the mote out of your brother's eye!" **Mt 7.1-5**

Pretending to be real? Can we say we're involved because we care, without meaning it? *Hypocrite!* Can we judge another person while not wanting others to judge us? *Hypocrite!* Can we care that someone has a lash in their eye/try to remove it even though we have something in our own eye? *No hypocrisy!* Can we have a culture where you tell me when you see things in me and let me do the same (*No hypocrisy*) w/o me screaming... "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone!" **J8.7**

The main event of HYPOCRISY is that we judge someone to hurt them, to bloody them up, to "kill" them... when we say we are Christians, members of one another, set by God to help each other!

To judge or not? "Who are you that judges (k) another man's servant? To his own master he stands or falls!" **Romans 14.4** Judge (k) not according to appearance, but judge (k) according to righteous judgment! **John 7.24** He that is spiritual judges (anakrino) all things yet he himself is judged (a) by no man! **1C2.15**

To judge or not? "I hear there is fornication among you that even the unsaved reject; that a man has taken his father's wife! And you are puffed up rather than sorry and he who has done this is still among you! I have already judged him (k) who has done this. In Jesus name deliver him to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord." **1C5.1-6**

To judge or not? "I have written you not to keep company w/anyone who calls himself a brother if he is a fornicator, covetous, an idol worshipper, an abuser, a drunk or one who gains illegally... don't even eat with them! I don't judge (k) those outside the church, but we are called to judge (k) those within the church. God judges (k) the unsaved. Put the pursuers of wickedness away from you!" **1C5.11-13**

To judge or judge not... that is the question! What is the answer? Do we? Don't we? When? Where? What's a friend supposed to do?

The Word on Judgment!

Logizomai: take an inventory, esteem, reckon, conclude!

Examine ourselves; discern ourselves; weigh/assay ourselves...

Anakrino: to scrutinize, to investigate, to search, discern and judge!

Find fault/confront "stumbling" activity...

Krino: to distinguish, decide, condemn and punish!

Krino!

Krino-NO is to come to a *verdict!* Since we don't sit on the throne of God's judgment w/His perspective... we are not to krino: judge the *final worth or value of the people around us!*

Krino-YES! *We must always judge sin...* and if the person is holding on to it doesn't want to be judged with it, they should judge themselves, with righteous judgment, and let go of it!

1C11.31,32

To judge or not to judge... there should be no question... only right character! And we need to surround ourselves with friends who have His character if we want His fullness!