the most

MISQUOTED VERSE

in the BIBLE

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- Many people have bought into a false view of truth.
- Truth, for many in our world today, has become nothing more than the sum of our own personal, subjective experiences and preferences.
- “What’s true for you is true for you; and what’s true for me is true for me.”
- ‘Uncritical tolerance’ has now become one of our culture’s highest virtues.

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Jesus, along with the whole of Scripture, teaches that there are absolute truths, there is right and wrong, there is good and evil.

- God makes judgments and He commands His people to make judgments.
- Judgments based on God’s holy nature and His revealed truth to us.

Jesus is condemning false judgments

- False judgments are sinful & dangerous
False Judgments we can wrongly fall into:

1) Judging others based on appearances
   - John 7:24, “Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”
   - 1 Samuel 16:7, “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

2) Judging others based on insufficient information
   - Proverbs 18:17, “The first to present his case seems right, ‘til another comes forward and questions him.”
   - Don’t rush to judgment without knowing the whole story!

3) Judging from afar or ‘Disembodied Truth Bombs’
   - Judging others from a distance with no personal connection to them
   - This is one of the main hindrances today to people being willing to hear the truth from Christians
   - We need to follow Jesus’ model
   - “You can win the intellectual battle, yet lose the war for a person’s heart.”

4) Judging with a prideful or hypocritical spirit
   - Pointing out others’ faults when you have faults of your own that are as big or even bigger!

Luke 18:9-14
9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ 13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’
14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
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Summary:
- Jesus is not saying we cannot judge sin
- We must judge according to God’s standards
- We must judge ourselves before judging others