



Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for the state of Selangor.
 - For MB Khalid to have the wisdom to run the State well with integrity and sound governance.
 - pray against all forms of attacks that wants to sabotage.
 - pray for unity among the MPs and party members – that they will serve and not just wanting positions.

2. Pray for missionaries that we are supporting:-
 - a. Pastor Elijah Chua of Wycliff bible translators- for God’s protection in their travels and good coordination in getting the bible to every language groups.
 - b. Bro Raymond Lian – children/youth work and evangelism/discipleship work in Thailand/Yunnan border. – for God’s protection/provision; raising of leaders to serve alongside.

3. Pray for our BM Ministry.
 - Salvation of many new souls and to make disciples of them.
 - pray for God’s anointing upon Ps Perry, Sis Marina, Sis Lisa and the entire team.
 - our East Malaysian brothers and sisters to be strengthened and not be enticed to convert by material temptations.

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT ISSUES - FAITH QUESTIONS.



SUB THEME: “UNDERSTANDING ON JUDGING OTHERS.”

Did Jesus forbid us from judging others? Our immediate answer is “Yes!” “Judge not,” right?

In three words, blunt and absolute, Jesus commanded us, “Do not judge.” (Matt. 7:1). But did he really mean that we should never judge others? He goes on to suggest that it’s not the act of judging but the attitude with which we do it that God is most concerned about – “For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged.” (7:2).

There are other scriptures that shed light on the issue. Paul told the Christians in Rome **not to judge** one another, especially over travail matters. (Rom. 14:13) but taught the Corinthians that they were **to judge** sinful believers. (1 Cor. 5:12).

What if nobody judges?

Common sense suggests that if no one ever judged other people in our world today, no community can exist for long where nobody is ever held accountable: no teacher would grade a student's performance; no citizen would sit on a jury or no one would call a fallen believer to repentance.

Discuss:- So which is which? To judge or not to judge?

A. When it is WRONG to 'judge'.

Read John 8:3-11.

- Who is judging?
- Why were they judging?
- What is wrong with this 'type of judging'? Why do you think they retreated as Jesus was writing on the ground?

Read Matt. 7:1-5.

- According to this passage, under what circumstances our judging of others become wrong?

Nobody with a 'beam in his eye' can see things clearly. He is dangerously low on discernment. And, since we all have this distorted perspective, we need either to be very humble or else leave judging to God alone. We have a moral responsibility to judge the moral behavior of others – but only if we humbly aware that we will sometimes be dead wrong and never totally right. We must remember that our ability to judge is limited and especially that we are sinful people who will ourselves, one day, come under judgment.

B. When is it RIGHT to 'judge'?

Read 1 Cor. 5:9-13.

- Who is speaking?
- Who is being addressed?
- Who will be judged?
- What is the penalty?

Read Matthew 18:15-17.

- What is the step by step procedure to take to confront or care-front a person who has sinned against you or whom you regard as having done something wrong?

Question:- Taking both of these passages together, what is the motive of 'judging others'? Who do you think should be handling such a task?

Question:- When a person judges, it may be initiated by one's opinion. But an opinion need not necessarily be accurate because opinions may be framed by our ignorance, prejudice, fears or pride. What should be the proper steps to take in the process of 'judging' a person who may need to be brought to repentance?

PRAY – that God will give us the right attitude and not be critical or judgmental of others. If there is a need to 'judge' or to bring correction, may it be full of humility mix with love and mercy.