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2. Four Commands Resulting from Mercy - Luke 6:37-38
 - A. Do not judge - Luke 6:37a; cf. Matt. 7:1-2
 - (1) "Judge":
 - A person, a judge - Matt. 5:25
 - To evaluate, discern - Luke 6:41-42; Heb. 5:14
 - To condemn, pronounce a sentence - Luke 19:22; John 3:17-18
 - (2) This Does not prohibit:
 - Judging between truth & error - Jude 3-4
 - Judging good teachers from false ones - Gal. 1:8-9; Phil 3:2; Isa. 5:20
 - Admonishing a sinning brother - Col. 3:16
 - Exercising Church discipline - 1 Cor. 5:1-13
 - (3) The way we are to judge:
 - with mercy - v36; Gal. 6:1
 - ourselves 1st - 1 Cor. 11:31; Matt. 7:5; Luke 6:42
 - to restore - Matt. 7:5; Prov. 27:6; Gal. 6:1
 - with wisdom - Matt. 7:6; Prov. 9:7-8
 - Never by outward appearances - 1 Sam. 16:7; John 7:24; Jam. 2:1
 - Never by inner motives - Luke 18:11-14; Jam. 2:4
 - Never condemn sinners as hopeless - Jam. 4:12
 - Never judge by personal preferences - Rom 14; 1 Cor 8:1-13; 10:23-33
 - (4) Consequences of Judging wrongly:
 - Matt 7:2; Luke 6:37-38; 1 Cor. 11:31; Jam. 2:13
 - B. Do not condemn - Lk. 6:37b; cf. Matt.18:21-35
 - C. Forgive - Luke 6:37c; cf. Matt 6:12,14-15
 - Luke 11:4; Eph. 4:32; Matt. 18:22
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