

“To judge” - krino - to separate, to choose, pronounce judgment, in this context it means to assume the office of the judge. *In this passage*, Jesus condemns a critical spirit, which judges others from a man-made, misguided standard.

## **Two Guideposts for Godly Living:**

### **I. Right principles** (verses 1-2, 6)

A. You should not live with a disparaging, judgmental spirit.

1. an erroneous view of God
2. an erroneous view of others
3. an erroneous view of self

B. You should live with a discerning, judicious spirit.  
(John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 2:15; 1 John 4:1)

Such a discerning, judicial spirit is necessary because:

1. it recognizes false teaching
2. it recognizes false professors
3. it recognizes fruitless lives

### **II. Right patterns** (verses 3-5)

(James 1:23-24, 25, 1 John 4:1, Luke 6:36-37)

- A. Recognize your own sin
- B. Repent of your sin
- C. Restore the sinful brother or sister in Christ