

On Being Judgmental

Hershel Dyer

About the worst thing you can say about someone, in the midst of a controversy, is, "You are being judgmental!" What is so wrong about being "judgmental"?

When the court hears evidence in a legal dispute and renders its decision or judgment, it is being, literally, judgmental. It has passed judgment and in doing so, it has become judgmental. "Judgmental" is simply the adjectival form of the noun, "judgment".

There is judgment which is wrong. When the knowable facts in a matter have not been given due consideration and a judgment is formed without these, this becomes a judgment which is unfair. Such is the type of judgment which our Lord condemned in His sermon on the mount. (Mt. 7:1ff).

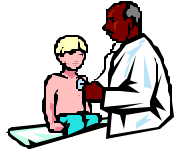
In almost any discussion of religious beliefs or practices, wherein something is pronounced as wrong, the charge of being "judgmental" is heard. This generally makes the critic of the doctrine or practice feel demeaned and condemned, for being judgmental is considered evil or bad behavior.

All of us who deal in religious matters form judgments which we consider to be right. These judgments are in conflict with the opposite judgments of others. In the case of such conflicts both contentions cannot be correct. To contend for one is to condemn the other, or at least imply that the other is false. The only way to avoid being "judgmental" in religion is to form no judgment at all, to have no conviction whatsoever.

To believe that Jesus is the Son of God and to obey Him for salvation is to place one in the position of implying a judgment toward those who refuse to do likewise. It implies that the one who refuses to believe and obey is in an unsaved condition. Hence, it is not possible for anyone to be a disciple of Jesus Christ without appearing "judgmental" toward certain others.

- the elders

Sick Crawford Keith went home on Friday from his stay in the hospital.



JD Lawson, 8 month old son of a friend of Jo Ann's, has been put on the heart transplant list. He will be going to the Cleveland Clinic this week.

Vickie Mitchell, a long time employee at Roanoke Bagel, has asked for us to pray for her daughter, Sara Nichols, who is dealing with health and emotional issues. Charlie & Patsy Gwaltney and Jerry Anderson have become friends with Vickie while visiting Roanoke Bagel.

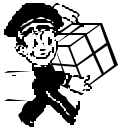
Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Jim Dorsett, Lynn & Mary Anderson, Curtis Doss, Roy Doss, Martha Keplinger.**

Happy Birthday this week to:
Laura Simms—5/26
Myrtle Peverall—5/31



Happy Anniversary this week to:
Bobby & Peggy Paxton—5/25

Claude & Mary Ellen Crowe—5/27



MAY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Taco Seasoning packs & dry Ranch Dressing packs. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship

them over!

MILITARY

Kyle Nester— in Iraq

Erich Felps—in Iraq.

Chris Coleman—in Iraq.



On August 3, 2008 the very first meeting of the Beijing Church of Christ will occur. Details are on the board. Remember this effort in your prayers.

Spring & Summer Teaching Quarters

Thanks to all who did an outstanding job teaching our adult and secondary classes during the Spring Quarter; Tom Duff, Bob Garby, Jeremy White, Jim Harrington, Don Pettit, Eddy & Jeanny Gilpin.

During the summer quarter, we will continue studying the Old Testament in our Sunday morning Adult Auditorium, High School and Middle School classes. Eddy Gilpin and Eric Earnhart will be teaching the adult class, Tom Rogers will be teaching Middle School and Danny Guard will teach High School. (This will be the last quarter for our OT studies. In the fall, we will begin a year of New Testament studies.) The Sunday morning adult class in the fellowship room will feature "Lessons from Camp". This class will feature various speakers who have taught at Virginia Christian Camp classes over the last several years.

On Wednesday Evenings, all adult, middle and high school classes will meet in the auditorium for our annual Summer Series.

A big thanks to all our primary class teachers for the spring quarter: Kristie Jearls, Amanda Brown, Susan Duff, Kim Brown, Lisa Valentine, Shree Lowe, and Michelle Earnhart.

Teachers for the summer quarter will be: Bonnie Mellon, Marsha Cooke, Rebecca Durham, Judy Durham, Melissa Rogers, Rosemary Bush, and Adam House.

Don't forget our In-House Summer Series kicks off on June 4. Several of our own men will be speaking to us on Wednesday evenings. Tom Duff will be bringing us a lesson on June 4 (his last farewell address) and Barry White will be bringing us a lesson on June 11.

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For Your Information

Team 3 (Brown)— Bar-B-Que at the Gilpins! Friday, May 30 at 6:00. Sign up sheet on the board. Everyone welcome!



GRADUATES DINNER

Join us today to honor our high school graduates. A pot luck fellowship meal will be after morning services.

BACHELOR POUNDING

There will be a Bachelor Pounding for Trae Bailey on June 1. All items can be placed in basket located in the foyer. Include easy to prepare foods or Kroger/Walmart gift cards!

EDP MEETING

There will be an elders, deacons, preacher meeting on June 8 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a School's (almost) Out and Summer Is Here BBQ Wednesday Fellowship on June 7 at 5:45. Sign up on the board and pay your \$5 at the door!

TABLE CLOTHS

Please check your laundry rooms or cars for missing table cloths that belong in the fellowship room closets.



Water World at West Side
June 28—9:30 AM

Please check the board and see where your name is located. If you are on the list and will not be able to fulfill your position please let Greg or Jo Ann know today!

Also we are need of a few more monitors and helpers with costumes and small props.

SKIT LEADERS: Don't forget to email Squeaky your list of large props and your list of smaller props can be sent to Velda!!



Teens

May Dates:

May 25—WS Graduates Dinner

VCC & Horizon's applications and bus forms are located in the foyer. Pick yours up today!! Yellow bus forms for Senior week!

WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, June 10 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Autobiographies being done by Richard Simms.

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VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

4 weeks until Virginia Christian Camp.

Camp Dates—June 15-21.

Applications are in the foyer—please return to Curtis Graves ASAP.



Kitchen item needed from West Side— 16 oz. squeezable bottles of grape jelly. See Velda!

List of craft items needed: Dish Rags and towels, disposable plastic table cloths, paper towels, pens & pencils, Ziploc bags, sand paper. See Melissa or JoAnn.



June 2008

What Difference Does It Make?

Announcements Fred Altizer
Song Leader (AM) Charlie Gwaltney
Opening Prayer (AM)
6/1 Charles Maness
6/8 Wayne Dixon
6/15 Jeff Durham
6/22 Tom Richardson
6/29 Richard Simms
Preside at Communion David Brown
Serve Table Jeff Reed Adam House
Glenn Gabbard Mike Durham

Closing Prayer
6/1 Eric Earnhart
6/8 Jim Cooke
6/15 Crawford Keith
6/22 Bobby Martin
6/29 Jim Bush

Song Leader (PM) Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (PM)
6/1 Squeaky Valentine
6/8 Josh Whitlow
6/15 Don Pettit
6/22 Roger Mays
6/29 Jim Harrington
Scripture Reader Sam Valentine

Closing Prayer (PM)
6/1 Jerry Anderson
6/8 Tom Rogers
6/15 Gene Benefield
6/22 Greg Edwards
6/29 Youth
Serve Table (PM)
Caleb Guard Luke Guard

Song Leader (Wed) David Brown
Prayer (Wed)
6/4 Adam House
6/11 Caleb Guard
6/18 Bob Garby
6/25 John Black

Open/Close Bldg Bob Garby
Greeters J. & R. Durham Garby
Nursery Attend Hazel Maness Linda Maness
Ushers Curtis Oakes Danny Guard
Handouts Ryan Simms Sam Valentine
John Black Herb Baker

Alternates
Prepare communion
Jackie Dixon Audrey Gabbard
Cards & Pencils
Sydney Durham Olivia Valentine

Last weeks attendance 5/18&21/08
Bible Class—140 Worship Service—190
Sunday Eve.—140 Wednesday Eve.—149
Contribution—\$5916

On Friday (May 16) the Supreme Court of California declared a ban on “same-sex marriage” to be unconstitutional. The court’s 43 decision overturned a 1977 state law affirming that marriage was defined as a union between a man and a woman. It also negated the vote of the populace in 2000 which reaffirmed the 1977 law and definition of marriage (which should perhaps be the greater social concern in this matter to us).

So what? Why should what was done all the way across the country bother us? What difference does it make? It should cause Christians great and grave concern. First, it indicates a lack of respect for God’s Word on this or any other matter. The Lord Himself defined marriage as being one man for one woman for life (Mt. 19:4-6). His Word tells us that homosexuality is sinful (Rom. 1:24-32; I Cor. 6:9, 10). The Bible settles the issue. Man has no business trying to regulate otherwise.

Second, it should cause us concern because God judges nations who practice ungodliness. The Old Testament is littered with the accounts of godless societies who defied Divine principles. “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Ps. 9:17). “Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver (Ps. 50:22). Heaven’s condemnations are pronounced upon those who “call evil good, and good evil” (Is. 5:20).

Third, it indicates the moral degradation of our society as a whole. Just look at the metamorphosis our country has undergone in the past 50 years. We have loosened moral restraints in every realm, glamorized all sorts of deviant behavior, popularized immoral acts in the public forum (television, movies, etc.), cheapened life itself (through legalized abortion), denied the place of and respect for God (through the teaching of evolution, political correctness, etc.) and rejected virtually every semblance of moral standard. Our culture is crumbling, and all we can worry about are which teams will win the championships, which party will win the election and the price of a gallon of gas! We should be deeply concerned about and in fervent prayer for our nation. We may well have already crossed the point of no return with God’s mercy and patience.

Why should we be concerned over a state decision on the other side of the country? Because it is a reflection of society in general in this nation; and, because it is but the beginning of a trend that will spell the ultimate demise of this country.

-Eddy

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