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The Summer Spot

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Jurisdiction (Juris - diction)

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The sphere (territory) for which you have say

What is Hudson's Business?

The sphere (territory) for which Hudson has say

- Hudson at Zero Zero say
- Hudson at Six Months Blanket
- Hudson at One Year Room with Door Open and Monitor on
- Hudson at Two Years Room with Door Closed and Monitor on
- Hudson at Four Years Big Boy Bed at night with Monitor on
- Hudson at Six Years Daily chores, making own bed, brushing own teeth
- Hudson at Eight Years Able to help with house, with low-level governance over younger children, able to go outside without supervision low-level access to computer, and supervised access to Daddy's power tools
- Hudson at Twelve Years Able to watch over other children, able to drive riding lawn mower, able to grill hamburgers on the grill, able to utilize Daddy's power tools without supervision
- Hudson at Sixteen Years Able to drive Daddy's car, able to handle adult-sized projects with supervision, able to run a business with minor adult-supervision, able to make sizable decisions as long as those decisions are checked off first with Daddy and Mommy

- Hudson at Eighteen Years Entering the adult-apprenticeship season. Able to be transferred
 from Daddy's and Mommy's jurisdiction unto the direct jurisdiction of the Word of God. Able to
 make decisions on his own, though honoring towards his parents and considering their counsel as
 sizable and significant. Aware of his youthfulness and, therefore, quick to seek help from those
 older and wiser and desirous to never violate the opinion of Scripture on any matter.
- Hudson at Twenty-two Able to move forward with marriage. Having proven mature in his decision-making as a young adult, he is ready to expand his jurisdiction to include a wife and children.
- Hudson at Thirty Years Able to carry the weights of spiritual leadership in the Church. Having
 proven mature in both his marriage, the raising of his children, and the handling of the
 Scriptures, he is ready to expand his jurisdiction to include greater responsibilities.
- Hudson at Forty Years
- Hudson at Sixty Years
- Hudson at Eighty Years

The Yuck of Judgmentalism

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what

judgment you judge, you shall be judged.

Matthew 7:1-2

The Making of a Heavenly Judge

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and

then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:1-5

Krinō - Krē'-nō

To decide with governing authority, to oversee and arbitrate what is truth and what is error, to bring finality of judgment; to determine punishment and sentence based on revealed evidence

 $Krin\bar{o}$ not, that ye be not $Krin\bar{o}ed$. For with what Krima (sentence of condemnation) you $Krin\bar{o}$, ye shall be $Krin\bar{o}ed$... Matthew 7:1-2

Grammatical Variations of Tense and Voice

- Krinō
- Krinōing
- Krinōed
- Krinōs

Strangely, it appears that we are to Judge

Jesus declared to Israel . . . I $Krin\bar{O}$: and my judgment is just.

John 5:30

Jesus said to His Apostles that they ... also shall $Krin\bar{o}$.

Matthew 19:28

Jesus said to His Apostles that they will . . . sit on thrones $Krin\bar{o}$ ing.

Luke 22:30

Jesus commands those of Israel to $\dots Krin\bar{o}$ with righteous judgment.

John 7:23-24

The Apostle James declared that he $Krin\bar{O}$ ed.

Acts 15:19

The apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem $Krin\bar{O}ed$.

Acts 16:4

The Apostle Paul declared that he $Krin\bar{O}ed$ and that he has $Krin\bar{O}ed$.

1 Corinthians 2:2; 5:3

The Apostle Paul declared to the church in Corinth that they are to $Krin\bar{o}$ them that are within (the Body) at Corinth ... and that ... the saints shall $Krin\bar{o}$ the world ... and that if ... the world shall be $Krin\bar{o}ed$ by (the saints), then are (the saints) unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ... and if ... (the saints) shall $Krin\bar{o}$ angels? how much more the things that pertain to this life? ... And then Paul exhorts them to ... $Krin\bar{o}$ the things he said.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:1-6

The Right to Fair Trial

Does our law $Krin\bar{o}$ any man, before it hear him, and know what he does?

Nicodemus

(John 7:50-53)

The Works of the Devil Were Made Manifest

• Jesus came to Earth to $Krin\bar{o}$ the Devil and his Works

He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil (has) sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

The Works of Sin and the Flesh Were Made Manifest

• Jesus Came to Earth to $Krin\bar{o}$ the Old Man and the Power of Sin

Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But Sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

Romans 7:10-13

The First Judgment - The Cross

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

John 12:30-33

The Two-Tiered Work of Jesus

First Coming

To *Save* that which was lost, and to *Judge* the Devil, Sin, and the Flesh

Second Coming

To **Judge** that which opposes the Savior,

To **Save** that which is born of Faith

The First Coming

To Offer Rescue - To Extend the Love and Mercies of God toward the world - To bring judgment on the Devil, Sin, and the Flesh

For God sent not his Son into the world to $Krin\bar{o}$ the world; but that

the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17

... the prince of this world is $Krin\bar{O}ed$.

John 16:11

God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

Romans 8:3

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **Romans 6:6**

The Second Coming

To Judge in Righteousness - To Bring Penal Justice to this Earth - to Bring Salvation to those who believe in the Son

Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will $Krin\bar{o}$ the world

in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Acts 17:31

In the day when God shall $Krin\bar{o}$ the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Romans 2:16

So, How Does this Affect Us?

Therefore $Krin\bar{o}$ nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

1 Corinthians 4:5

An Improper Krinōing

You *Krinō* after the flesh . . . John 8:15

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that $Krin\bar{o}s$: for wherein thou $Krin\bar{o}s$ another, thou condemns thyself; for thou that $Krin\bar{o}s$ does the same things. And think thou this, O man, that $Krin\bar{o}s$ them which do such things, and does the same, that thou shalt escape the Krima (sentence of condemnation) of God?

Romans 2:1, 3

The Plank-Eyed and the Speckless

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? "Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:3-5

Jurisdiction - The 5 Key Places where $Krin\bar{o}_{ing}$ is both used and abused

- 1. Self (the Territory of your own soul)
- 2. Family (the Territory of your own home)
- 3. Business (the Territory of your own work responsibility)
- 4. Church (the Territory of a flock of believers)
- 5. Civil (the Territory of earthly governmental rule)

The 5 Kinds of Krinos

- 1. The *Krinōs* of Heaven *A Krinōs that belongs only to God, judging matters that we are not able to see and know*
- 2. The *Krinōs of* Earth (an authority bequeathed by men *to men* for civil, business, and social order) *A Krinōs that is established by men men setting men over men, an allocated earthly authority and defined jurisdiction to judge and decide in other men's matters.*
- 3. God Imparted *Krinōs* for Order on Earth (that of self, marriage, family, and the church) *A Krinōs that brings order and righteousness to the soul, the marriage, the family, the church, and the society in which we live. A Krinōs that works humbly and authoritatively within its assigned Jurisdiction.*
- 4. The Future *Krinōs* of the Saints *A Krinōs that the saints of God are being prepared for and will exert as an extension of God's Krinōs.*
- 5. A False and Improper Krinōs A Usurped Judgeship A Krinōs that presumptuously labors outside its set Jurisdiction.

Jurisdictions Must Be Respected

We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere (jurisdiction) which God appointed us - a sphere (jurisdiction) which especially includes you. For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:13-14

- A child should not attempt to rule, decide, and bring authoritative decision upon his parents
- A parent should not attempt to rule, decide, and bring authoritative decision on someone else's child
- The Civil Government shouldn't spank a child for not cleaning his room
- The Civil Government should dictate to a soul what it should believe
- The Church Government should not step in and violate family government
- The Civil Government should not intervene in church discipline or home discipline
- A Business Government should not interfere in the issues of church or government or family

Finding Your Summer Spot

Learning to mind your own business

The Secret to Minding your own Business Well

First, define what your Business (Judging Territory) is . . .

Your First Order of Business - Your Own Personal Rescue in Jesus Make a firm judgement on Jesus and Him Crucified

This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom

He hath sent.

John 6:29

Your Second Order of Business - Your Own Plank

Make a firm judgment on the Word of God and it's Judgments concerning the Devil, Sin, and the Flesh

1. God Cannot Lie and Therefore, His Word Cannot Lie

2. His Word Declares Judgment on the Devil, Sin, and the Flesh

... the prince of this world is judged (John 16:11) ... Jesus condemned sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3) ... and crucified our Old Man with Him on the Cross that that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (Romans 6:6) ... therefore, let not sin reign in your mortal body that you would obey it in the lusts thereof (Romans 6:12).

3. The Speckless Life is merely the Outflow of Allowing God to Remove the Planks

Let him turn away from evil and do good . . . **1 Peter 3:11**

Test all things; hold fast what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21) . . . Take heed that no one deceives you (Matthew 24:4) . . . Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge (1 Corinthians 14:29) . . . they searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so (Acts 17:11) . . . I know your works . . . you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars (Revelation 2:2) . . . Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world (1 John 4:1) . . . You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? (Matthew 7:16) . . . I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil (Romans 16:19).

Your Third Order of Business - Seek to Save

Just like Jesus - Your first business isn't to Judge ... it's to seek to Save.

And even if in your saving, rescue work, you are given greater *Judging Territory*, still, your primary job is to seek to *Save*, even through your *Judging*.

How Will You Know When to Judge?

How to recognize your Judging Territory and how not to Judge outside of it

First, Let's More Closely Examine What Makes Certain Kinds of Judging so wrong

Two key issues, that if off, make for a disaster in your own soul and the souls of others

- 1. It is not your place to bring decision and to reckon punishment
- 2. It is born of the flesh and not of the Spirit of Love, and therefore, an evil form of judgment

Recognizing the Flesh in Judging

7 Common Fleshly Operations Behind Improper Judging

- Pride the preservation self's agenda the fleshly cry of "please notice me, applaud me, and make me your first love!" - a willingness to stomp on others that you might be more clearly seen
- 2. Fault-Finding (Criticism) blind to virtue and fixating on fault
- 3. **Tattling** (Accusation)- supplying information with the singular desire to bring punishment to someone else
- 4. **Reviling** beholding someone with contempt, sneering at every action, rolling your eyes at their every word withholding love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness
- 5. Hating desiring someone's destruction
- 6. Resenting refusing to forgive, refusing to look past a fault

7. **Jealousy** - destroying someone out of a wanton lust for what that person possesses

Recognizing the Spirit in Judging

7 Heavenly Attributes of Christ Evidenced in True Judging

- Humility a yearning for Christ to be seen more clearly and for the lives around you to find their true fulfillment in His Love and Grace
- 2. **Hope** a constant thought that salvation is just up ahead, even for the dirtiest most rotten scoundrels
- 3. **Faith** a knowing that God's Word is powerful and two-edged and if believed and administered properly will not return without effect
- Love a willingness to suffer harm and wrong in order that others might find life. A true yearning to see other's find life, love, and liberty in Jesus Christ.
- 5. Kindness a warmth of manner that befits the nature of the King of kings - slow to anger, quick to forgive, always eager to offer the mercies of God toward the repentant, and always desirous to see the unrepentant soften and turn from their wickedness
- Anguish it ought to hurt to bring about discipline and to issue punishment. There should never be a delight in seeing men suffer for their sin
- 7. Courage it takes a lot of it to administer the Truth of Jesus Christ
 whether that be in a soul, a home, a church, a business, or a civil sphere true judging is always against the flow and always difficult.

The Judging Test

1. Is it your position to Judge? Who's jurisdiction is it?

- 2. Is there a void of leadership? If so, is it your place to step in, or is there someone to whom an appeal could be made?
- 3. What is your heart condition? Are you seeking to genuinely save or are you secretly seeking to see someone punished?
- 4. Is your Judging of the Spirit of God in humility, in love, in truth, in fear and trembling? Is the Word of God your basis, or our your own human philosophies and/or social sensitivities your guide?

How Does One's Judging Territory Increase?

1. Only God increases the Krinos territory of a man

So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; "and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. "For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:7-11

Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great - For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

Proverbs 25:6-7

And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest . . .

Hebrews 5:4-5

2. God has revealed the Krinos increase requirements

He has given the requirements of Elders, Bishops, Deacons, and Overseers in the Church - and it is the Church's responsibility to select their leadership based on God's standards rather than the world's

And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:17

For if a man knows not how to rule well his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

1 Timothy 3:5

- First, he must Judge his own soul and body well according to the pattern of Scripture then he is fit to Judge more (marriage and family)
- Second, he must Judge his own marriage and family well according to the pattern of Scripture then he is fit to Judge more (the church and civil government)
- Third, he must Judge his own flock well according to the pattern of Scripture then he is fit to Judge more (carry the governance of a greater responsibility within the Body of Christ)

The Great Twist We ARE called to mind other people's business Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ

Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath

highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:3-11

Appendix A

Parenting 101

Train a child to Judge rightly

- At birth, a child does not have a Judging Territory but falls wholly under the Judging Territory of the parents.
- As the child grows and matures, the object of parenting is to give room for a Judging Territory to begin to form.
- If a child proves consistent, obedient, and respectful, then it is a part of the parent's Judging Territory, to give an ever-increasing Judging Territory to the child over his own self-behavior
- If a child proves unable to properly handle their entrusted Judging Territory then it is also within the parent's Judging Territory to diminish the child's Judging Territory until trust has been restored.
- When a child proves self-governed and able to rightly handle their limited Judging Territory it
 is in the parent's Judging Territory to discern the time for the child to be released as an adult,
 meaning they have proven trustworthy with their Judging Territory and are able to utilize it
 without the direct superintendence of the parent. At this point, it is improper for the parent to
 once again attempt to reign in the child's Judging Territory. For the "child" is actually a child no
 more, but an adult. It's an official release of jurisdiction unto God. The young adult now finds
 him/herself under the direct jurisdiction of God's Word.
- If a child has been trained in honor and love, then this shift of relationship should not disconnect child from parent. A child should seek to honor his/her parent's advice, but is now personally responsible to make decisions out of his/her own Judging Territory over his/her life and direction. The parent of an adult child should not attempt to reclaim Judging Territory over an adult child, for the adult child is no longer in their direct Judging Territory but in God's Judging Territory.

Appendix B

Walking Through a Few of the Sticky Issues . . .

What if a Christian leader is abusing their position?

It is not Improper Judging to make appeals in humility and love toward unseemly leadership

It is not Improper Judging to come to a court of appeals (whether it be in a home, a business, a church, or a civil government) and present a humble concern and propose a request for review and consideration

However it IS Improper Judging to dishonor those in leadership by bearing their faults openly for the courts of public scrutiny and denouncing their soul as lost due to their private transgressions.

Remember, it is love to cover over an offense

Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins . . . He that covers a transgression seeks love; but he that repeats a matter separates very (close) friends.

Proverbs 10:12; 17:9

What if a Christian leader is proclaiming ideas contrary to the Word of God?

It is not Improper Judging, if it is a public message (intended for public consumption), to humbly clarify disagreement (in an honorable and respectful manner, of course) with said ideas and even contradict said notions with the Word of God as your basis of reason.

However, it IS Improper Judging to personally attack the messenger and to denigrate the person responsible, ignorantly presume knowledge of their true heart motives, and declare their soul unfit for God's saving work.

What if YOU are personally sinned against by a brother or sister in Christ?

It is not Improper Judging to personally confront the "offender" in private and, with humility, love, and grace, walk through the offense in hopes of a tender reconciliation.

It is also not judging to continue the confrontation in accordance with the Matthew 18:15-17 model if there is still resistance and lack of repentance after the first meeting. And, thusly, it would not be considered improper judging to actually bring this "offender" even before the church if he were still unrepentant after a second Biblically-governed confrontation, and, if a hardness remained, subsequently see him removed from the church altogether.

What about separation?

It's not judging others to separate from those calling themselves believers that continue in unrepentant evil doing

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard,

or an extortioner; with such an one no not to

eat . . . Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

In fact, sometimes separation is the means by which God can save them

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:5

Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:20

It IS Improper Judging others to forsake them and consider them condemned and without hope because of their evil doing. We are to treat them as one who is deceived by the Devil and one who must be saved.