

## HOW TO JUDGE PEOPLE AND THINGS

**Context:** In missing the heart of God -- the very purpose of God to do people good -- the religious people mistook everything. If we are off in our perception of what God is really like, we will not know how to evaluate life around us.

1. Right things please God's heart; wrong things break it.
2. Righteous judgement compares what is true of God with what is true of people and things.

### How to Judge Like Jesus Judges (Isaiah 11:1-5)

3. Be full of the Spirit, not full of yourself.
4. Don't be wise in your own eyes.
5. Understand things scripturally and spiritually -- not naturally, intellectually, emotionally, logically, rationally, experientially, academically, psychologically, theoretically or professionally.
6. Listen for counsel from God.
7. Don't get drawn into a contest of wills, intellect, or abilities to prove your personal strength. Stay weak and insignificant.
8. Remember that *real* knowledge acknowledges the Lord. Any bit of knowledge which doesn't, won't help you truly figure things out.
9. Don't evaluate things on the basis of how they look or sound on the surface. Most real issues -- the kind that really make any profound difference -- are seldom what can be perceived naturally.
10. What is right already exists. Use what is right to judge things; don't look at things in order to judge what is right.
11. God champions the afflicted. Judging correctly involves seeing who God wants to help, and how.
12. Any correct evaluation will fit into Scripture and can be supported by verses from the Bible.
13. Never leave the ways of God in order to make decisions or to offer counsel to others.