

# Red Letter Living

## *“Judge With Righteous Judgment”*

(John 7:31-34)

- Introduction:
1. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must be one who respects and obeys the words of Jesus.
  2. On a superficial level, it's easy to love the person of Jesus, but sometimes it's much harder to love the words that he taught.
  3. However, who Jesus was and what he said cannot be separated.
  4. We must love both (Mark 8:38).

### I. The Red Letters Of Jesus

- A. Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:21-22).

### II. An Examination Of These Words

- A. There is a type of Judgment we are not to do.
1. (John 7:24).
  2. (Matthew 7:1-5).
  3. Judgment according to appearance (John 7:74).
  4. Hypocritical judgment is forbidden (Romans 2:1).
  5. Judgment of motives is forbidden (1 Corinthians 13:5, 7).
  6. Judgment of others in matters of opinion (Romans 14:10).
- B. There is a type of Judgment we are to do.
1. (John 7:24).
  2. We must judge between good and evil (Hebrews 5:14).
  3. We must judge between what is good and better.
    - a. (1 Sam. 15:22) Obedience is better than sacrifice.
    - b. (Ps. 37:16) Little with righteousness is better than abundance with unrighteousness.
    - c. (Ecc. 7:3) Sorrow is better than laughter.

- Conclusion:
1. Let us make sure that we don't allow ourselves to be silenced by a society that embraces tolerance.
  2. The world needs a moral voice, a moral compass, to point people to Heaven.
  3. Obey the words of Jesus, and judge with righteous judgment.