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Men's Bible Study Outline  
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### Judgmental vs. Correctness

It is often said that as a Christian we are not to judge others, that only God has the right to judge anyone. However, if we see someone going down the wrong path or doing wrong is it correct for us to correct my brother or my sister.

When does correcting a wrong or confronting your brother or sister judgmental?

Judgmental is defined as having or displaying an excessively critical point of view. Denoting an attitude in which judgments about other people's conduct or morality are made.

Let's look at what The Bible says about judgmental.

Matthew 7:1-5

John 8:1-8

Is calling out a person's sin being judgmental.

Can we correct our brother?

Let's look at what The Bible says about correcting one's brother

Matthew 18:15-17

What is the difference between Matthew 7:1-5 and Matthew 18:15-17

Ezekiel 33 <sup>7</sup> "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

The Ezekiel statement above is from the Old Testament, can we think of anything that Jesus said that would counter this OT statement or confirm it?

Most of the Bible responses to being Judgmental or correcting someone are when that person may have sinned against you or God. Does the Bible also give us insight into how we should approach a wrongful act, correcting how a person performs their job or functions in their job?

Are we our Brothers' Keeper?

Paul the apostle wrote to the church at Thessalonica, From 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15, "And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all".

So to sum up the lessons.

When giving correction:

1. Ask clarifying questions to gain a more accurate understanding. Don't assume.
2. Be graciously frank. Don't hint or over-qualify. Just say what you see with the humility that you might not be seeing perfectly.
3. Undergird, don't undermine. Construct, don't destruct. Be a strength by helping to find a solution that pursues the good of everyone involved.

When receiving correction:

1. No prideful deflections. If the correction is needed, humbly receive it.
2. Listen for God's direction. God likes to lead us in ways that cultivate our humility.
3. Correction is a gift, and not only for you. Your correction may also be someone else's provision.

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