



Is Exposing False Teaching Wrongly Judging?

“It is God who judges” (Psalm 75:7), ultimately, but is exposing false teaching wrongly judging?

Indeed, **“who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall, for the Lord is able to make them stand . . . You, then, why do judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat” (Romans 14:4,10 NIV)**.

However, in certain areas we are called upon to make judgments, reasonable people will agree. For example:

We may encounter someone with a hard times story asking for help. A person will then make some sort of judgment as to whether to help them, or not. The same sort of thing is true in biblical matters. For example:

“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls before swine” (Matthew 7:6 NIV). Jesus calls upon his disciples to judge who is, or isn’t, a ‘dog’, or a “swine”.

“Watch out for false prophets” (Matthew 7:15). Jesus calls upon his disciples to judge

who is a 'false prophet'.

However, as the apostle Paul said, **"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV)**. This is what we should try to do in everything, albeit imperfectly.

Paul said, **"I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16 NIV); "I have disclosed to you the whole purpose of God" (Acts 20:25 REB)**. In some areas, variation of belief is no problem. For example:

"One person considers one day more sacred than another, another person's faith considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced *in their own mind*" (Romans 14:5 NIV). In this example, observing a special day, such as a Sabbath, is optional. There are also many other examples, too numerous to mention here. In other areas, there is no room for variation of correct belief. For example:

"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him *must believe that he exists* and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 1:6 NIV). Belief in God is not optional. Similarly:

"These have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31 LSB). One must believe "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God". There are no other viable options, for one to have God's approval. We are told to:

"Have nothing to do with godless myths" (1 Timothy 4:7 NIV). No matter who preaches or believes it, no matter what churches teach it, if something is a "godless myth", we should reject it.

The Bible foretold that, **"in latter times . . . doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1 LSB)**

would become prevalent.

Following Paul's example, **"I am compelled to" "expose them" (1 Corinthians 9:16; Ephesians 5:11 NIV).**

Is exposing false teaching wrongly judging? According to the scriptures, exposing false teaching is not wrongly judging.