CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, January 17, 2016



Part 1

The Art of Judging

We are prone to judge others because . . .

• everybody’s doing it

• it is easier to judge than to love

• it satisfies our natural desire for justice

• it gives us a sensation of power

• it makes us look good

Make a

right

judgment.

Jesus in

John 7:24

Do

not

judge.

Jesus in

Matthew 7:1

IT IS OKAY TO JUDGE WHEN . . .

I AM BLIND TO THE OUTER APPEARANCE

Stop judging by mere appearances and make a right judgment.

John 7:24

1 Samuel 16

Man looks on the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

It is wrong to judge by the outer appearance

whether my judgment is positive or negative,

elevating or devaluing, good or bad.

I LOOK AT MY SELF FIRST

Matthew 7:1-5

A judgmental spirit is like a log in our eye. It distorts our view of others and it destroys our ability to help others.

I HAVE ALL THE FACTS

John 7:45-51

THE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

Colossians 2:16

In essentials unity,

In non-essentials liberty,

In all things charity.

- St Augustine

I DO IT IN LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

I DO NOT JUDGE MOTIVES

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. 5Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5

If at times I cannot figure out my own motives

how is it possible for me to know the motives of others?