

The Dangers of Judgmentalism

Understanding Grace:

- 1) _____: I get what _____.
- 2) _____: I don't get what _____.
- 3) _____: I get what _____.

Judgmentalism is demanding _____ when we have received _____.

Two Important Thoughts:

- 1) When I _____ others I am least like _____.
The One who has the _____ to condemn, _____.
- 2) When I _____ others I am usually trying to justify _____.

Two Crucial Takeaways:

- 1) The safest place to be when we are guilty is in the _____.
- 2) God will be the _____ of _____.
We can _____!

Questions for Further Growth

For the week of March 7, 2010

- 1.** Read Romans 14:9-13. Paul says we are not to put a stumbling block in a brother or sister's way. Where have you created obstacles for others? What stones of judgmentalism & condemnation have you thrown?

Where are you helping to keep the path smooth? How have you shown encouragement to your brothers and sisters in their walk with Christ? How can you do better at this?

- 2.** Read Luke 15:11-32. This is known as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, but is really the Parable of the Forgiving Father. What does this parable teach about God's judgment? How does the father judge the younger son? How does the father judge the elder son? How does the elder son judge the younger? What forgiveness is offered the younger son? The elder son?
- 3.** Read Psalm 96. How does this psalm describe the judgment of God? How is the "day of judgment" usually depicted in modern Christian thought? Is it an exciting day to look forward to, or a day to be dreaded? Why do you think most people are "afraid" of judgment day? Why do you think the psalmist is looking forward to God's judgment?
- 4.** Read James 2:13. What are some ways you see "church people" passing judgment in our country today? What are some ways you see "church people" showing mercy in our country today? What does "mercy triumphs over judgment" mean?
- 5.** Make a list of the sins you notice easily in other people – the things that annoy you or make you angry in others. Is it possible you are struggling with the same sin? Ask the Lord if there is an area/are areas where you are struggling. Are you putting time and effort into these issues? If so, where and how? If not, how can you begin to address them?