

“Please  
judge me”

~~“Don’t  
judge me”~~

# “Please Judge Me”

- I should **want** to know when I’m wrong—when I’ve sinned, when I’ve shown a lack of wisdom and judgment, when my actions have me headed in the wrong direction.

# “Please Judge Me”

- Not the “command fire to come down from heaven” spirit of judgment displayed by James and John (Luke 9:51–56).

# “Please Judge Me”

- Do not judge me too hastily, “do not judge according to appearance, but...with righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

# “Please Judge Me”

- And I would prefer that you NOT judge me hypocritically, that you not be guilty of the same things of which you accuse me (Matthew 7:1–5; Romans 2:1–3).

# “Please Judge Me”

- It would be easier on me (and you) if you come to me, at least initially, “in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1).

# “Please Judge Me”

- It could be that my actions call for a public rebuke, much like Peter received at the mouth of Paul (Galatians 2:13–14).

# Which Is The Better Approach?

## “Don’t Judge Me” (Prov.)

- “He who refuses correction goes astray” (10:17).
- “He who hates correction is stupid” (12:1).
- “He who hates correction will die” (15:10).
- “He who disdains instruction despises his own soul...” (15:32).

## “Please Judge Me” (Prov.)

- “He who regards a rebuke will be honored” (13:18).
- “He who receives correction is prudent” (15:5).
- “The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise...he who heeds rebuke gets understanding” (15:31–32).