

Always Give the Benefit of the Doubt

That's wisdom. Wise, sober people have learnt to operate that way in relationships and their dealings with other people. Because of inherent legalism, which is a firm and hidden mindset of religious people, most tend to be very judgemental – quick to take offence with those who differ in any way.

We must 'KILL' legalism in every form that exists in our lives and be more gracious. Yes, gracious. Gracious people operate in releasing grace (their grace¹ not God's grace) everywhere they go. Almost everyone is drawn to gracious people finding it safe to be in their presence.

Judgementalism destroys any graciousness we may have because it creates a negative atmosphere around us that others don't want to be near.

That doesn't mean we don't make judgements. Life decisions are all about making judgements. Jesus and Paul both stated that we have to make judgements,² but we must do it from a heart of grace. How we judge others will impact us because it's activates the spirit realm.

Here's our King's instructions in this matter:

“When it is important to you to be treated well, you must examine how you treat others. Be done with pride and cruel criticism, and align yourself with My commandment to love one another. Change your view to always give the benefit of the doubt. Your judgment of other people will come back to you in kind.”³

Why not check to see if people are drawn to you? It's a very telling exercise that can be a propellant to growing spiritually.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – “Grace” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Grace.pdf

2 – “They Still Say Don't Judge” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/They-Still-Say-Dont-Judge.pdf

3 – “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (24-12-2020) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm

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