



## WRONG JUDGE, WRONG STANDARD

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### THE KEEPERS OF THE LAW ARE ITS CORRUPTERS

- 1 God's kingdom comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus — the appropriate response is to \_\_\_\_\_ to His authority, not \_\_\_\_\_ at it.

WHY WERE THEY SCOFFING AT JESUS? TWO REASONS GIVEN:

- they were \_\_\_\_\_ — often mentioned in the Bible in the same \_\_\_\_\_ as sexual immorality.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ — they often dodged God's Law through their \_\_\_\_\_, while at the same time proclaiming their faithfulness to it.
  - the main point — the real reason people scoff at Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_; it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 While these sins were a serious problem, they were not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees' problem:
    - they were striving to be justified by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - their standard for judgment had to be that which men could see and evaluate — \_\_\_\_\_.

- it is God who \_\_\_\_\_, not men.
- God's judgment is based, not on what men can see, but on what is in a man's \_\_\_\_\_. 1 SAMUEL 16:7

- 3 God's revelation in the Old Testament was not seeking mere \_\_\_\_\_ conformity, but \_\_\_\_\_ conformity to the will of God.

DEUTERONOMY 6:5; JEREMIAH 31:33; EZEKIEL 36:26-27; HOSEA 6:6  
PSALM 119:2, 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 20, 34, 36, 47, 48, 58...

### A WORD ABOUT DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

MATTHEW 5:21-32; 19:3-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-16

- 1 Religion prefers to talk about the exceptions which \_\_\_\_\_ divorce; Jesus insisted on stressing the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE CONTEXT OF THESE STATEMENTS

- in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ on our understanding of the Law.
- in Matthew 19, Jesus exposed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pharisees in the way they would \_\_\_\_\_ the Law to justify their own disobedience.
- in the Gospels, Jesus didn't cover every contingency on the topic, but in 1 Corinthians 7, Paul \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus didn't address.

- 2 Remember, the purpose of the Law was to \_\_\_\_\_ every one of us a sinner — those who are guilty of divorce must also be joined by those who have had an \_\_\_\_\_ thought or responded in \_\_\_\_\_.