

Judgment

We begin with the catechism:

The Eighth Commandment

[God's Gift of a Good Reputation]

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

C. God forbids us to slander our neighbor or hurt our neighbor's reputation.

Matt. 18:15, Luke 6:37

62. What does God require of us in the Eighth Commandment?

C. We should put the best meaning on everything, that is, we should explain our neighbor's actions in the best possible way.

1 Cor. 13:7, 1 Peter 4:8

Yeah? So?

1. What is Judgment?

a. How & why does God judge us?

Ps 110:5, De 29:18–20, Ex 12:12, Ge 7:1, Ge 19:24,25, Jer 30:11, Job 37:13, Heb 12:6–13

b. How & why do we judge others?

Ro 2:1–5

2. How does this work out in “the real world”?

a. Are we ever to judge others?

Mr 6:11, Ac 16:15, 1Co 5:3, 1Co 6:3–5

b. What's the *wrong* way to judge?

Mt 5:22, Mt 7:1–2, Ro 14:1–13, Jas 4:11–12

c. What's the *right* way to judge?

Lu 6:37, Joh 7:15–24, Jude 1:9, Pr 29:15, Mt 18:15–22

3. Trading Shoes

a. How do we react to God's judgment?

Joh 5:24, 1Co 11:31–32, Pr 3:11–12

b. How do we react to the judgment of others?

1Pe 2:23, Pr 12:1