

Before You Bang
The Gavel . . .



You Must Bang The Gavel...

- **Mat. 7:15 – Judging false teachers requires making judgments about what they say.**
- **1 Thes. 5:14 – Distinguishing between unruly, fainthearted and weak requires judgments.**
- **Titus 3:10-11 – Rejecting divisive man requires making judgments about his actions.**



**But we must
be cautious!**

Before You Bang The Gavel...

➤ **Be sure you have biblical authority.**

Romans 14:1-4 – “Who are you to judge another’s servant?”

Rom. 14:17-18 – “The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking.”

Rom. 14:13 – “Let us not judge one another anymore.”



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➤ **Be sure you have all the facts.**

John 7:24 – “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Josh. 22:10-29 – The western tribes *DID NOT* rush to judgment against their eastern brethren.

John 7:21-23 – The religious leaders *DID* rush to judgment.



Before You Bang The Gavel...

- **Be sure you have the moral authority.**

Mat. 7:1 – “Judge not, that you be not judged.”

Mat. 7:2-5 – Someone who has a glaring problem in their own life, but pronounces judgment on someone else’s problem.



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➤ **Be sure you have the moral authority.**

2 Sam. 12:1-6 – David pronouncing harsh judgment against a lesser sin than his own.

Mat. 18:23-35 – A man owing millions demanding harsh judgment against a man owing thousands.

Mat. 7:3 – Ignoring the beam in your own eye, worried about the speck in someone else's eye.



Before You Bang The Gavel...

- **Be sure you have the biblical authority.**
(Bang the gavel wisely.)
- **Be sure you have all the facts.**
(Bang the gavel slowly.)
- **Be sure you have the moral authority.**
(Bang the gavel honestly.)

