

Sermon Notes
May 7, 2017
James 1:19-27

Bad religion: judgmental and hypocritical
Good religion: graceful and integrated

2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

Judgmental people talk
Graceful people listen

Proverbs 10:19 NLT

19 Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.

Proverbs 17:28 NLT

28 Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Judgmental people get angry quickly
Graceful people are contemplative

Proverbs 29:11 ESV

11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Judgmental people are done learning
Graceful people are always learning

Psalms 46:10 ESV

10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Judgmental people judge
Graceful people care

On what are you working now?
Beliefs that need to be changed
Behaviors that need to be changed

Hebrews 4:12-13 ESV

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.