

What's Really Going On Here? Traps to Avoid When Making Judgments

We make judgments...

1. ...too n_____

Judges 13:1-5

...and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines.

2. ...in i_____

Proverbs 18:1

An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.

3. ...too s_____

1 Corinthians 4:5

²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

4. ...too m_____

5. ...too v_____

Isaiah 11:1-4

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD - ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

1 Samuel 16:1-7

John 7:24

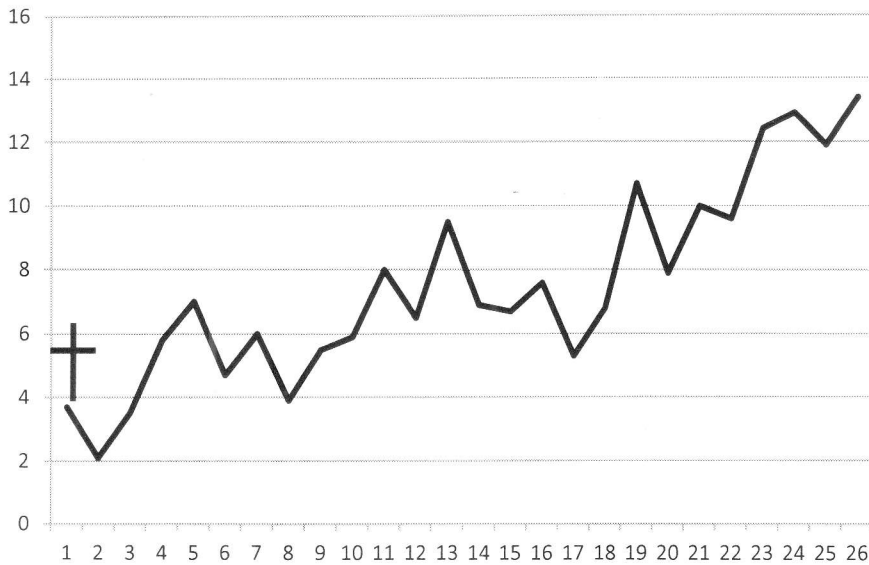
Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.

6. ...without checking o_____

Matthew 7:3-5

³"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

7. ...in too short a t_____ f_____



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John 5:30

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.