

# The Life of Christ A-Z

## Marvelous Messages

Modern America's Favorite Verse (But Only Because It Is Misunderstood) Key Principle: Meaning is Always Rooted in Context

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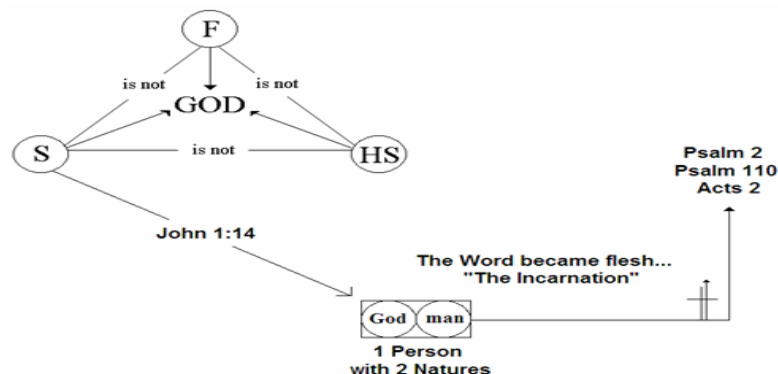
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In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John 1:1 and 1:14

# The Sermon on the Mount at a Glance

## The Prologue 5:1-16

Believers Are Spiritual Salt/Light...So We Should Salty and Bright

## The Theological Purpose Statement 5:17-20

Human Beings Need a Righteousness (+R) We Can Not Produce Ourselves  
To Enter the Kingdom of Heaven

## The Body of TSOTM: What True +R Really Is 5:21-7:11

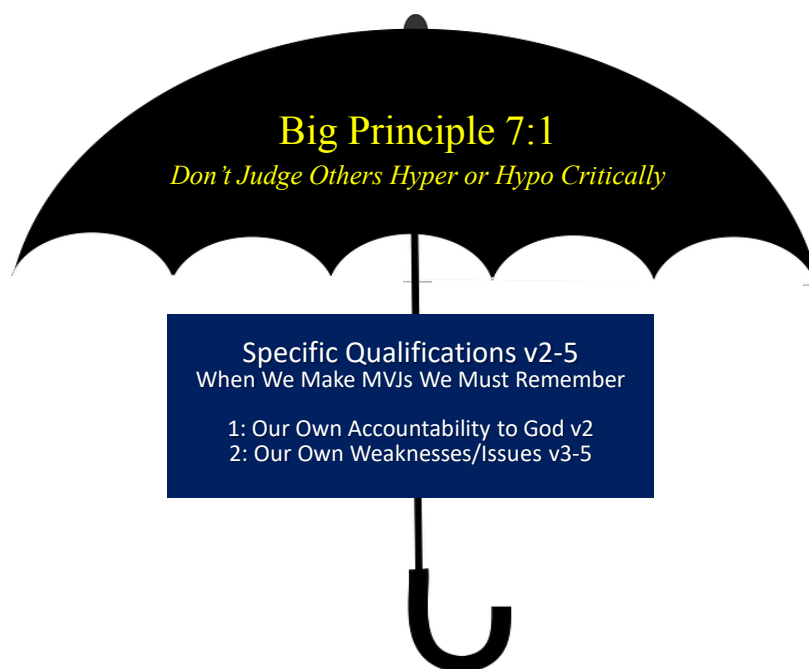
+R Is More Than Behavior Modification-Following Rules/Performing Rituals  
It is a Relational Response to our God/Savior and Lord

## The Practical Purpose Statement 7:12

+R Men/Women Treat Other People with Positive Respect  
Kinda Like We Want Others to Treat Us

## The Epilogue 7:13-27

Religion Can't Make Human Beings +R before God  
Lordship without Relationship Doesn't Save



## **The Umbrella Command v1**

### **Don't Judge Others Hypercritically or Hypocritically (Like the Pharisees)**

#### **Do not judge so that you will not be judged**

#### Modern America's Favorite Verse is Misunderstood

To "see" Matthew 7:1 as a prohibition against any/all MVJ (moral value judgments) ignores the overall biblical context, ignores the immediate biblical context of this statement and incorrectly reads a generic meaning into a specific statement about how disciples of Jesus are to make +R moral value judgments

This is similar to Philippians 4:8 which is not describing WHAT Christians can/should think about but rather describing HOW Christians can/should think about everything (good or bad) that they think about (drunk driving, assault and battery, bank robbery, bullying, cheating on tests).

## **The Two Specific Qualifications (to the Command of Matthew 7:1)**

### **IOWs: Two Things To Avoid as DOJ Make +R Moral Judgments v2-5**

#### 1: Don't Judge Others Hypercritically (Like the Pharisees) v2

**For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.**

IOWs: When We Make MVJs (Moral Value Judgments)  
We Must Remember Our Own Personal Accountability to God

Sometimes, we can demand MORE of others, than we expect of ourselves  
Human beings (Christians and Non-Christians) \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Name)  
tend to be much more aware of the "weaknesses/faults" of others than we are of our own real weaknesses/faults. AND research shows we tend to attribute our successes to inner virtues within ourselves but blame our failures on dynamics outside our control.

Christian Parenting 101: don't let your kids think you believe or project the appearance of believing that they can do no wrong and when they "do" it is always somebody's fault....such that if they don't make the team it must be the coach's fault, if they don't make good grades it must be the teacher's fault and if they have legal problems it must be the policeman's fault, if they have moral problems it must be the Church's fault (usually the Pastor or the Youth Minister).

## 2: Don't Judge Others Hypocritically Like the Pharisees v3-5

**Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.**

IOWs: When We Make MVJs (Moral Value Judgments)

We Must Remember Our Own Personal Weaknesses/Issues and the Fact That As Much Fun as Being a Self-Appointed Spiritual Fruit Inspector for Others of Our Choosing Is....God's Intent is for Each of Us to Make Our Own Sweet Selves Our #1 Spiritual Science Project (and to Realize That is Essentially a Full Time Job).

### **Take This To Heart**

In light of the greatness of God's grace in saving us, believers in Jesus should be gracious people, slow to take offense and quick to forgive (love smothers a multitude of transgressions...it doesn't pile on or fan the flames).

However, in a fallen world (to which we have made personal contributions) we **MUST** make (righteous/godly) moral value judgments all the time. And yet we also must do the right thing(s)...the right way(s).

When we make moral value judgments about others we should be careful to avoid being hypercritical and/or hypocritical. Rather than looking like the self-righteous "Church Lady" believers should look more like the Lord Jesus Christ in interacting with others even those with serious moral issues (think Jesus and the woman at the well & Jesus and Nicodemus the self-righteous but eternally insecure religious unbeliever).

The application of the teaching of Matthew 7:1-5 would make the witness of Christians in Modern America substantially more effective. At the very beginning of TSOTM our Lord said: "Blessed are those who mourn..."

IOWs: instead of the evil in us and around us primarily making us mad, disciples of Jesus should primarily see it as sad. This will help us to react to people living in a culture in spiritual/moral freefall with saddened/broken hearts instead of angry/hostile hearts-and catalyze us to live consistently with/share clearly with our lips and our lives God's amazing grace in Jesus Christ.

# Matthew

## Chapters 5-7

# Marvelous Messages

# Jesus

# A





That is "BAD" car!





*The Original*  
**COFFEE  
WITH  
JESUS**



"Judge not lest ye be judged"  
is my motto, Jesus. Too many  
of your people forget that  
verse.











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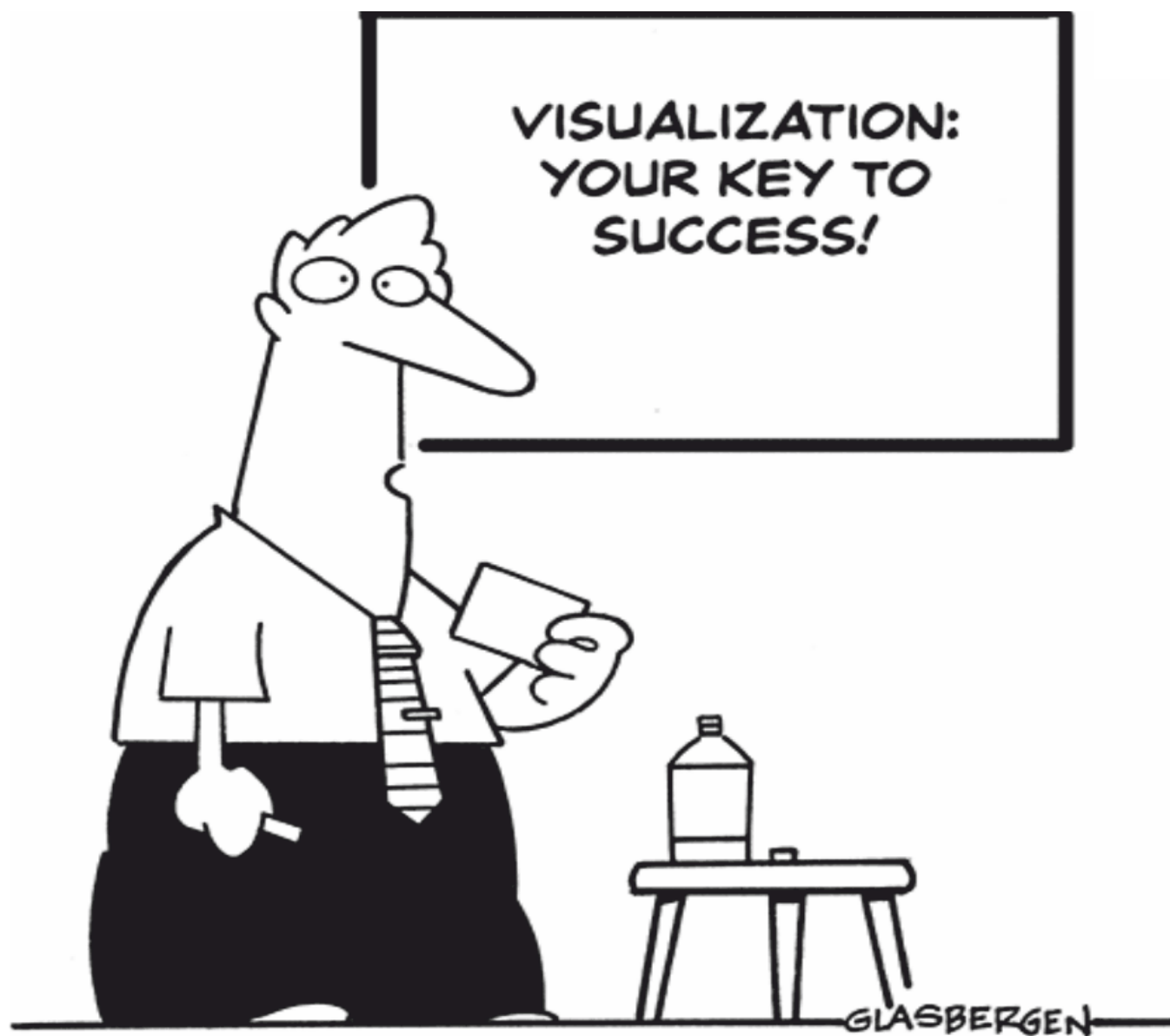
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**"If you find it difficult to picture yourself as a success, just imagine**



**“I’d like you to do a presentation on business ethics. If you don’t have time to prepare something,**



# Horace Mann Elementary



**"I don't have my homework. My dog**



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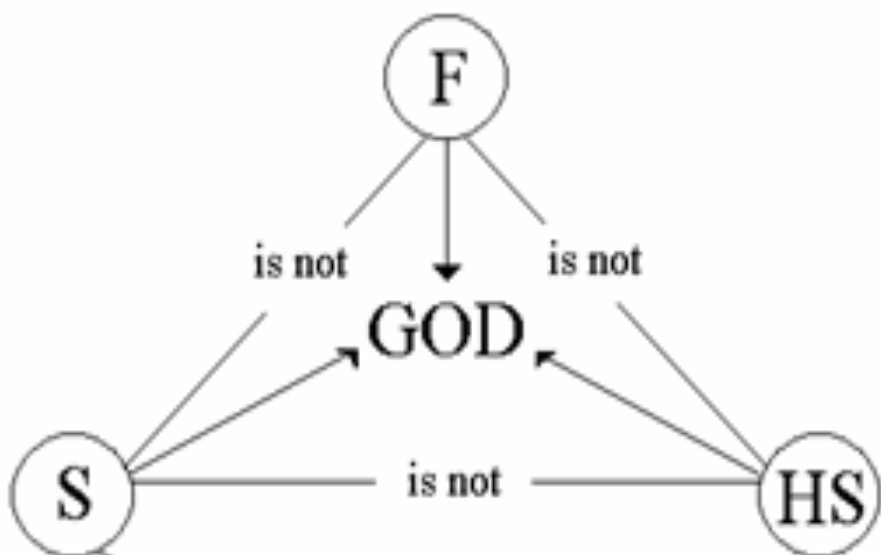
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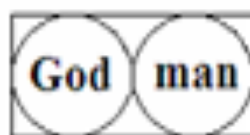
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John 1:14

The Word became flesh...  
"The Incarnation"



1 Person  
with 2 Natures

Psalm 2  
Psalm 110  
Acts 2





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Purpose Statement (Theological) 5:17–20

Proclamation/Core Teaching 5:21–7:11

Purpose Statement (Practical) 7:12

Epilogue 7:13–27



# Big Principle 7:1

*Don't Judge Others Hyper or Hypo  
Critically*

Specific Qualifications v2-5  
When We Make MVJs We Must Remember

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- 2: Our Own Weaknesses/Issues v3-5

# Matthew 7:1-5

Don't Judge Other People

1: Hypercritically (LTPs)

or

2: Hypocritically Verses (LTPs)

**“What do you think Jesus meant when he said “judge not”?**

Do you think he meant “don’t judge deeds, don’t believe the Commandments, don’t morally discriminate a just war from an unjust war or a hero from a bully”?

He couldn’t have meant that.



# SALVATION

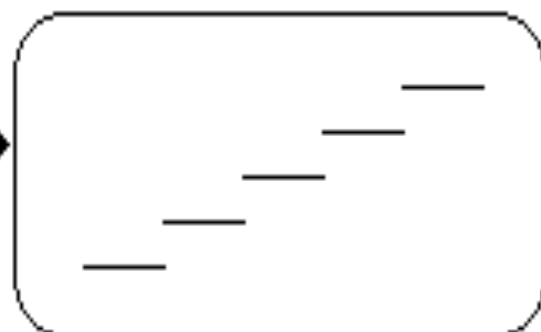
# EVALUATION

Eternal Destiny

Eternal Rewards

All Believers

Salvation  
ALWAYS by  
Grace Through  
Faith in the Work  
of Christ/Cross



Heaven: New Heaven/New Earth

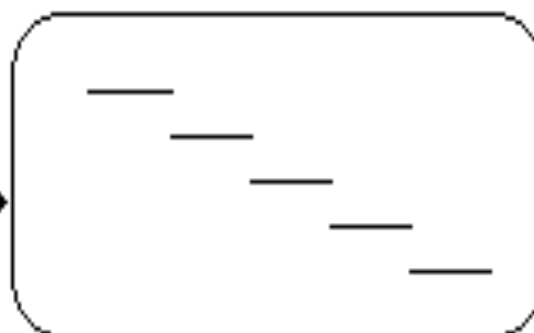
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I Corinthians 3:11-15

II Corinthians 5:9-10

All Unbelievers



Hell: The Lake of Fire

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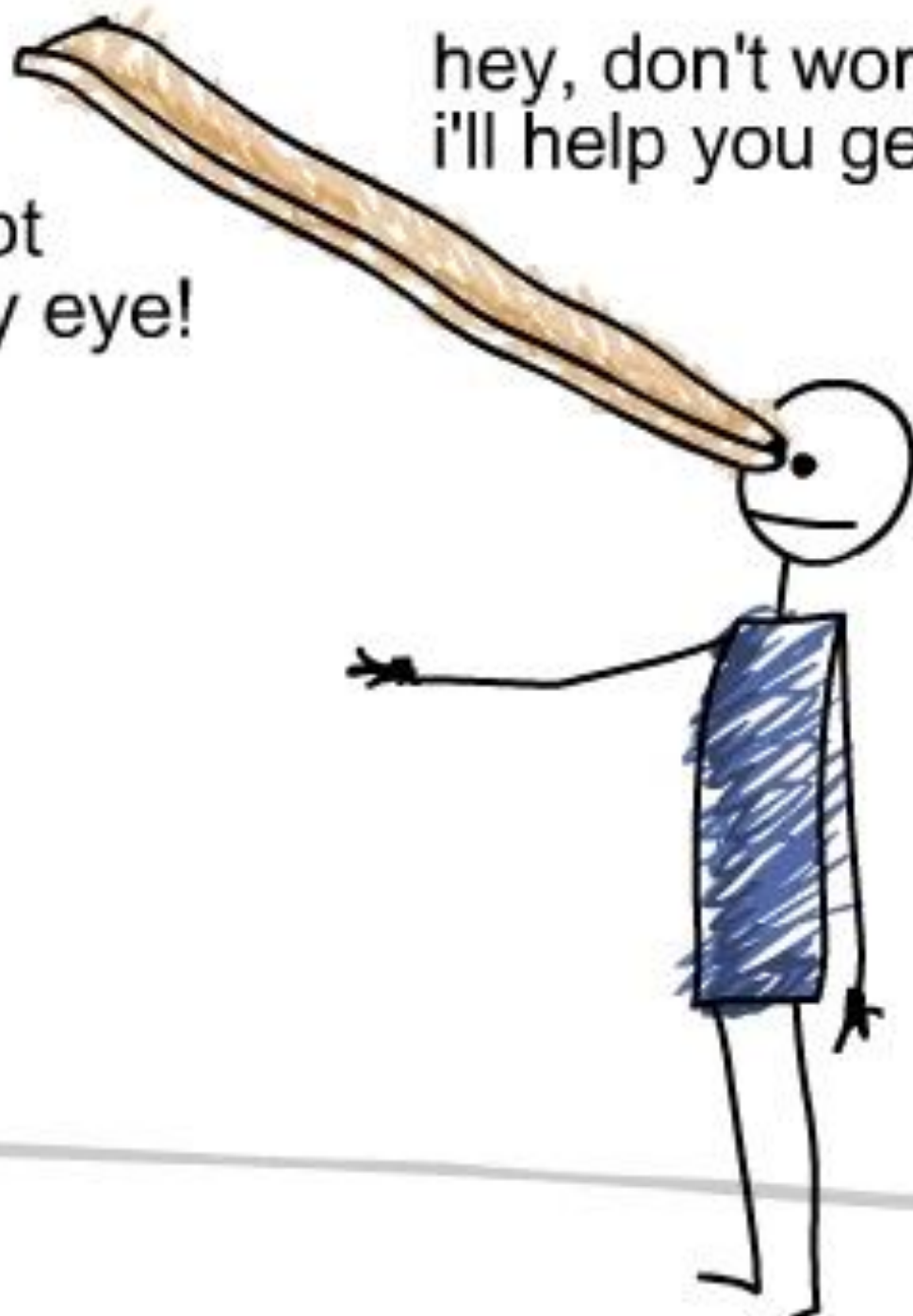
Resulting in Various Levels  
of Condemnation/Reproach

Mark 12:40/Lk 20:47

Revelation 20:11-15

hey, don't worry.  
i'll help you get it out!

dude, i think i got  
something in my eye!



One thing I don't like about Christianity is that Christians are so *judgmental* even though Jesus said *not to judge anyone ever*.



Actually that's *not* what Jesus said. He was warning against judging *hypocritically*. It's easy to see if you read the whole passage.

He was teaching against *hypocrisy* by saying that we should not hold others to standards that we ourselves don't live up to.

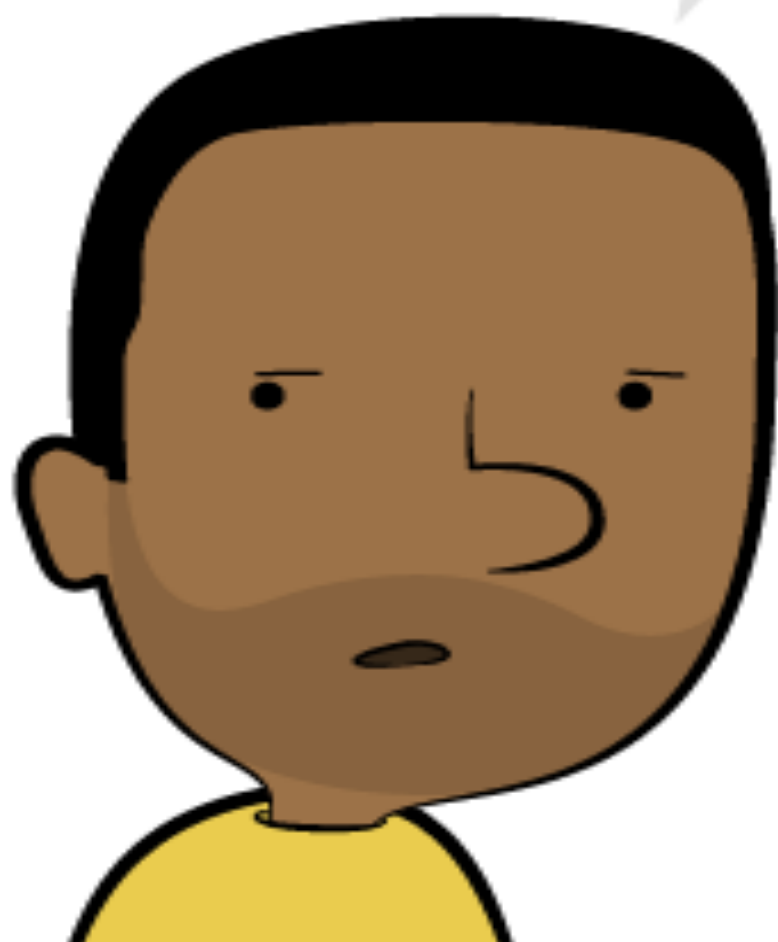




Even so, I still say Christians  
are way too judgmental.



*Yep, exactly like that.*



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