

Message

**Judgment with
Discernment**

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Judgment

- **Definition of Judgment**
 - A legal decision, order, decree or sentence given by a judge or law court.
- **Biblical and Practical Applications for our conduct**
 - The ability to make considered decisions.
 - The ability to come to sensible conclusions.

Discernment

- **Definition of Discernment**
 - The ability to judge well.
- **Biblical and Practical Applications for our conduct**
 - Greek “Krino” – “To Separate”.
 - Discernment is a more personal and conscious approach.
 - A view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding.

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■ **Matthew 13:10-17**

- **"It has been given to you" is a major concept. The truth is not something that they discovered. It was something that God took the initiative and gave them, even as He has given us the same thing. He did not have to; He was not forced to. But out of His mercy and His desire to see us share life with Him in the Kingdom of God, He gave it, the ability to comprehend the mystery.**

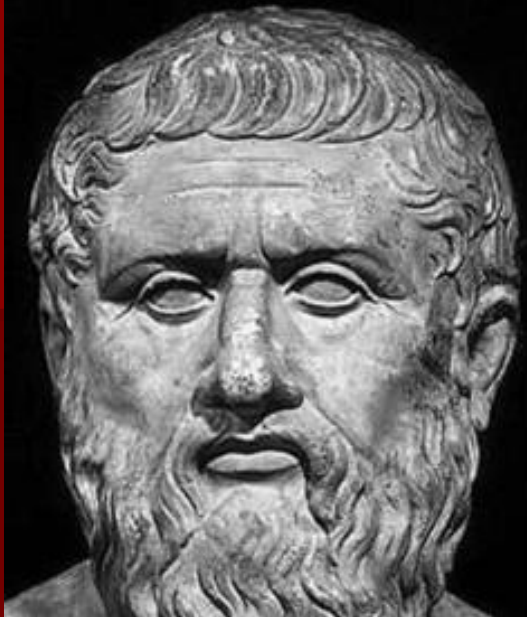
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■ I Corinthians 2:6-16

- In English, *mystery* means "a puzzle that is difficult to solve," but in Greek, it means "a secret that is impossible to penetrate."
- So, the Word of God, His purpose and plan, is a mystery, a secret that is impossible to penetrate.
- Paul is implying that man would never find out what God intends, except that God gives it to us by revelation.

**“Just because a machine can do something,
a Christian needs to have wisdom to know
if it should do something,”**





Human behavior flows from three
main sources: desire, emotion, and
knowledge.

— *Plato* —



**MY FAILURES HAVE BEEN
ERRORS IN JUDGMENT,
NOT OF INTENT.**

(*Ulysses S Grant said*)

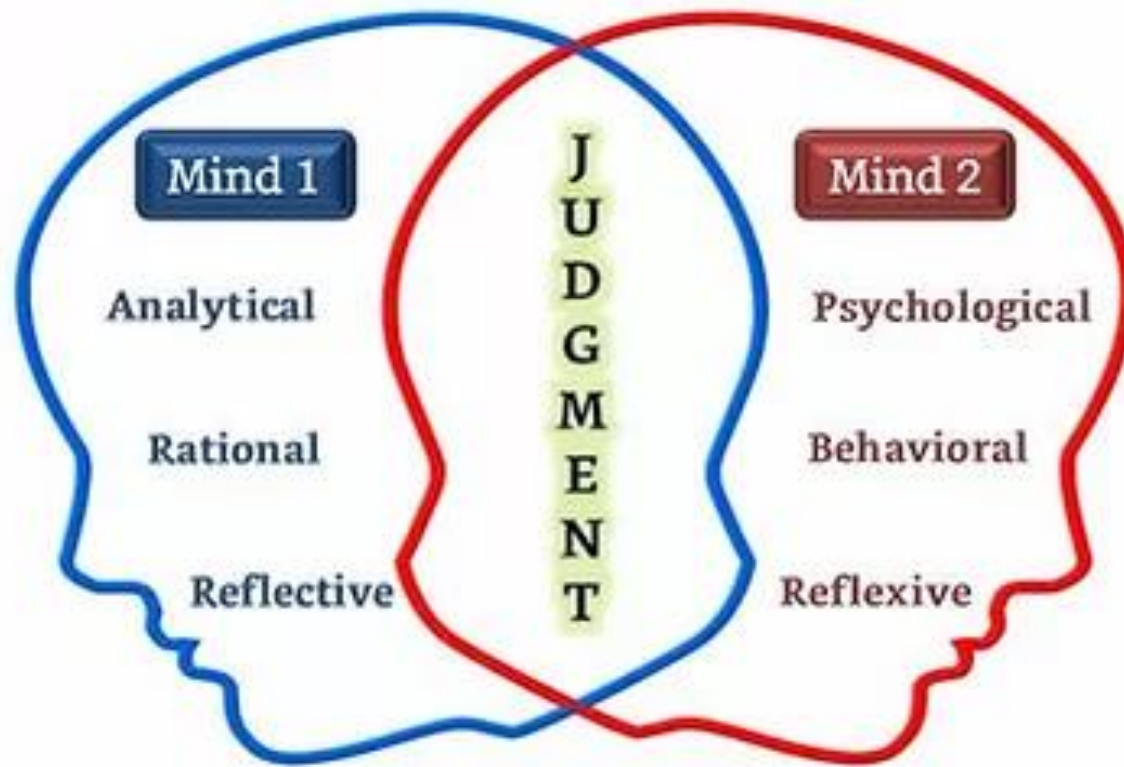
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Figure 36: The Two Minds That Influence our Judgment



- Judgment is the forerunner to a decision (meaning people form a judgment and then make a decision)
- Judgment at times is analytical, reflective and rational; other times it is psychological, reflexive and behavioral
- Humans have inherent biases of judgment that can cloud good judgment

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Influences on Judgment and Discernment

■ How Anxiety Influences Our Judgment – Shahram Heshmat Ph.D.

"Anxiety influences our perceptions, beliefs, reasoning, and ultimately our choices. The experience of anxiety hinders one's ability to view the situation objectively and rationally. In some situations, these tendencies may cascade into undesirable outcomes. Furthermore, the repeated practice of worry becomes habitual such that the individual automatically engages in these mental processes. Becoming aware of our thought processes is an important step in overcoming negative biases"

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■ I Corinthians 11:1

1. Christ is the supreme example.
2. Christ's apostle (Paul) follows His example
3. We are to follow the apostle's example, as it follows Christ.



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- **Warnings About Judging One Another**
 - Matthew 7:1-6
 - Romans 14:1-4, 10-12
 - James 4:11-12
 - John 5:18-24
- **Danger Lies in Quality of Our Judgment**
 - John 7:14-24
 - John 8:15-16
 - II Corinthians 5:10
 - Isaiah 55:8-9



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■ Called To Be Judges

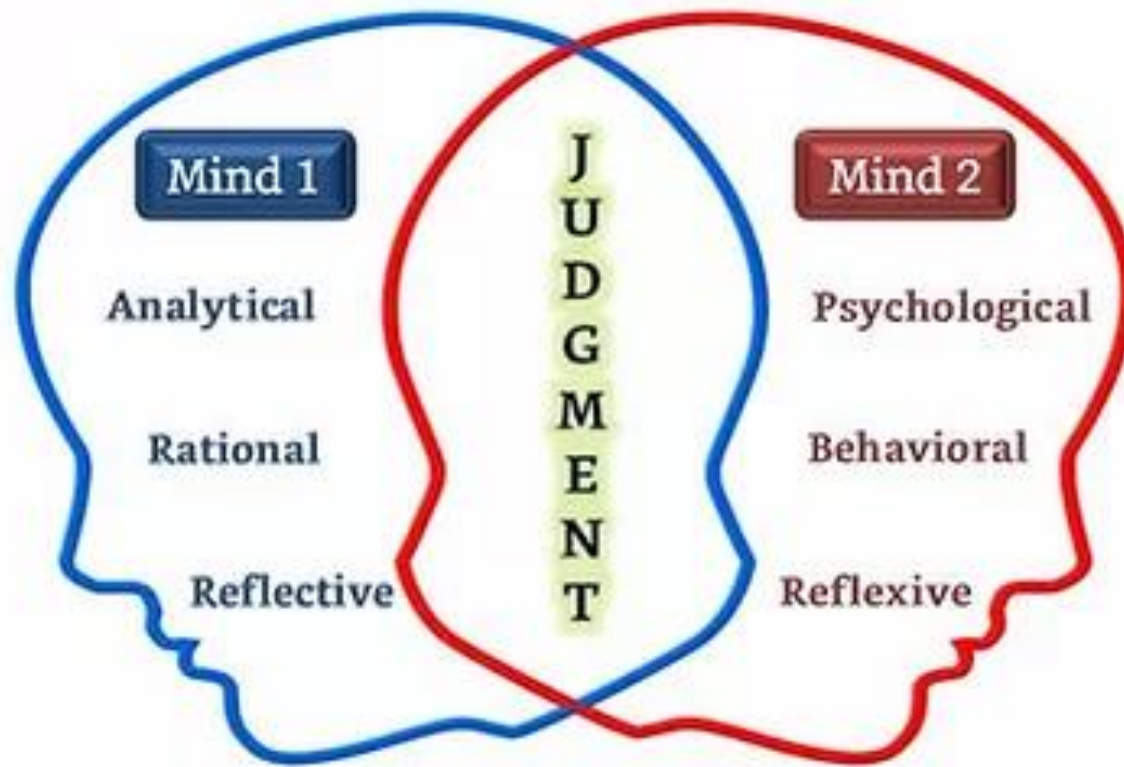
- II Chronicles 19:5-11
- Revelation 5:10
- Revelation 20:4
- I Corinthians 6:1-3

■ Care in Judgment

- Matthew 7:1-5
- Luke 6:35-38
- Romans 14:10-13
- Romans 14:4



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■ Zechariah 8:14-17

- Speak the truth to one another
- Judge with truth and Judgment for Peace

