

WHO IS THE BEST?

Scripture reference: Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. Matthew 7:1

Who is the best team of all time in pro football or college basketball? Was Curry's Warrior team better than Jordan's Bulls? We all like to judge things and try to pick out the best. Sometimes we also like to pick out the worst of all time. I feel that it is okay if we are talking about teams or maybe even athletes if we are just using the game as the criteria. It can provide some lively discussions. But even it can prove difficult. How would a player like Wilt Chamberlain do in the modern NBA? How would Jim Brown do as a running back in the NFL today? Who would win between Jordan's Bulls and Curry's Warriors?

When it comes to judging people, I feel that is different. We don't tend to judge people from a positive perspective as much as we do from a negative one. It seems like people are more apt to put someone down than they are to say something that is positive toward the person. We can judge them in a lot of ways. Perhaps we call them names that are not warranted or just plain ugly. Perhaps we wonder how they were able to get certain things and we can't seem to get the same.

First of all, we should all take to heart the commandment that Jesus gave us to love our neighbor. He didn't define who are neighbor might be and neither should we. We should love all people. If we truly loved others, like God has loved us, do you think we would be saying all of the negative things about other people and would we be judging them? I don't think so.

We also need to keep in mind this verse that is from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is telling the people not to judge others because they have to keep in mind that they also will be judged. The judge that Jesus is referring to is God. We are accountable for our actions. By the way, if you want to start a personal Bible study, the Sermon on the Mount which can be found in Matthew 5 through 7 is a great place to start.

One final thing to consider is a motivational statement I saw on Facebook. Billy Cox wrote this quote: "No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind." That sounds like it could fit very well with our focal verse today. We can't be judging people negatively if we are being good to them.