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- Thinking _____ of ourselves.
- Forgetting _____ need for grace.
- Doing _____ kinds of things.
- Trapping _____ cycles of sinning.
- Receiving _____ sentences.
- Distorting _____ perceptions.
- Polluting _____ our relationships.

RIGHTEOUS JUDGING INCLUDES: _____.

- Not judging according to _____.
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EVIL JUDGING INCLUDES: Speaking ill of another.

- Thinking much too highly of ourselves.
- Forgetting (y)our own need for grace.
- Doing those same kinds of things.
- Trapping us in cycles of sinning.
- Receiving (y)our own sentence.
- Distorting my/our perceptions.
- Polluting all (y)our relationships.

RIGHTEOUS JUDGING INCLUDES: being merciful.

- Not judging according to appearances.
- Not going beyond our authority.
- Not practicing vengefulness.
- Erring on the side of mercy.
- Never condemning anyone.
- Stopping vocal sinfulness.
- Living a forgiving life.

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