

Matthew 12:1-2

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

Judging wrongly is something we all must be cautious of. Here the Pharisees were upset because the disciples were hungry and had picked grain and ate it along the way. So were they working? No, they were feeding themselves, because working would be plucking the grain, and then turn around and sell it, even on another day other than the Sabbath.

Nowhere does it say not to eat on the Sabbath day, or to even cook your meals or even go shopping for your food. But the Pharisees didn't care; all they knew is that these guys were disobedient to them, even if they were being obedient to God's word. But we can do the same thing. We can read scripture like:

† ***Psalms 150:3-4 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!***

Then turn around and say, "See it doesn't mention drums, so why are we having drums or electric guitars in the church?" If you read it, it doesn't mention pianos or organs either. But that's ok because the church has had pianos and organs for hundreds of years, right? No, you are twisting God's word because you don't like drums in the church.

We can do the same thing with many things, hair length, make-up, earrings, women wearing pants, even in our prayers as we can use it for gossip.

So before you judge, just because you may not like something, check out what God's word says before you condemn someone. If you don't, you could be just like the Pharisees, and you know they did everything perfectly, even if it was against God's word.

† ***Matthew 23:1-4 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."***