

*Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Matthew 7:1–2).*

## Who's To Judge?

The last semester of my sophomore year, I had an awesome biology teacher named Coach Wright. So the first semester of my junior year, when I found out one of my classes was near his, I would go in his room and hang out for a bit until my next class. That's where I met Danielle. She had cancer, which caused her to have a big growth in her mouth that made breathing so hard for her that she had to have a hole in her neck to breathe.

At first I was a bit uneasy — afraid that I would stare at her — but Coach Wright would always smile at her and talk to her like a normal person.

Now, every day Danielle would come to class and show Coach Wright a new picture she had drawn. One day, I decided to take a peek and then she started showing them to me, too! And, man, she was good!!

Soon, I would go into school every day, excited to see what new picture Danielle had drawn. We started up conversations and talked about all of her drawings. She was so smart!

When I changed classes, I didn't know what happened to her, but just knowing Danielle changed my life. I was touched to see how that girl could turn such an ugly disease into such a beautiful person. I came to learn that we should not judge others because God sees us all as His beautiful children. God gave Danielle the beautiful gift of drawing and He gave me the beautiful gift of knowing Danielle.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help me to learn not to judge others by their appearance. You see what's beyond the appearance and to what is in the heart. After all, we all are Your beautiful children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Kellina, age 17  
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## Teen Talk

**Q:** *I'm planning to attend the LWML national convention in Portland in June, but I'm not sure what to expect when I get there. Can you give me a heads up?*

**A:** How exciting! The first thing you need to decide is whether you will take in the speakers in the convention hall or attend Camp Hood and enjoy the many day trips planned for you in the Portland area. Teens are also invited to attend "she, me, and He" — a supper gathering on Friday night for teens and their adult chaperone/mentor to learn more about Friends Into Serving Him® and build a stronger relationship with each other as they learn more of Jesus and His love for us all. Also, be sure to sign up for Thursday's servant events!

Come with an open mind and a heart ready to meet women of all ages from all over the nation. A fun time is waiting for you!

## In the Word....every day....for teens!

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- ✓ Add a Bible verse to your signature on your e-mails.
- ✓ Text a verse to your friends and share the Good News!
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