

Sermon on the Mount Series
"Judging Others"
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

The Righteousness of the Kingdom in Respect to Man's Relationship to Man

Matthew 7:1-6 "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

Jesus Teaches About Criticizing Others.

Matthew 7:1-2 "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

- The word "judge" can mean evaluate or analyze. It also refers to private, judgmental attitudes that tear others down in order to build up oneself.
- We should not be critical or condemning in our attitudes toward others.
- This is not a command against all moral judgment.
- The kind of judgment we give, and the measure of judgment, will come back to us.

Luke 6:37-38 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

- We reap what we have sown.

We Must See Clearly to Help Others.

Matthew 7:3-5 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

- Jesus is saying that it is wrong for anyone to concentrate his attention on the speck in this brother's eye and to ignore the plank in his own.

CRITICS CORNER

"Jesus tells us to examine our motives and conduct instead of judging others. The traits that bother us in others are often the habits we dislike in ourselves."

(Matthew Life Application Bible Commentary, p. 130)

Deal with Your Own Sin First.

Galatians 6:1 "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted."

- Paul taught the necessity of proper "introspection" when trying to help others.
- When we have dealt with the plank in our own eye, we are able to see and be of help to others who are overcome in their faults.
- Those who are spiritually mature can discern when and how to confront sin in others.

Jesus Is Not Ruling Out All Forms of Judging. Judgment Must Be Made.

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

- Jesus taught people to "judge with righteous judgment."

Judge the Sexually Immoral In the Church.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 "I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

- Christians have a responsibility to judge those who are sexually immoral or in sin in the local congregation. God judges those who are outside of the church.

Test the Spirits.

1 John 4:1 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

- This requires making a judgment.

Matthew 7:6 “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”

- Judgment is to be made as to who are “dogs” and who are “hogs.”
- Dogs and Hogs = “They are unholy or “unclean” people who, when presented with the gospel, treat it with scorn and contempt.” (Matthew Life Application Bible Commentary, p.131)

Jesus did not forbid all judging. The kind of judging Jesus forbid was that which is self-righteous and hypocritical.

Bring Back the Erring One – This Requires Judgment.

James 5:19-20 “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

- We are to deal with our own sin first but we also must correct and guide erring brothers and sisters.

Jesus Shared the Parable of the Lost Lamb

Matthew 18:10-14 “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”