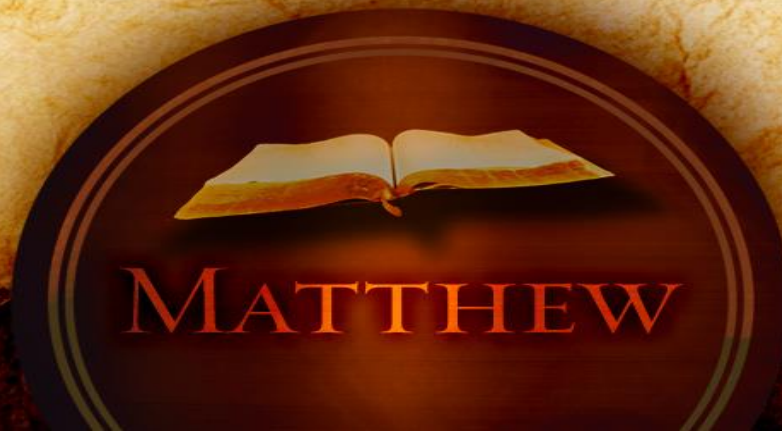




Matthew 7:1-6

The Wrong Kind of Judging





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| 4. The Condemnation | (Hypocrite) | v. 5 |



Matthew 7:1-6

1 “Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.

2 “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

3 “And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 “You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.



If Scripture then is your truth and guide, if Scripture then is the measure by which you as a Christian are measuring others, are YOU, as a Christian, holding yourself up to that very same standard by which you are judging others?



Romans 2:1-3

“Therefore you are without excuse, O man, everyone who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. But do you presume this, O man—who passes judgment on those who practice such things and does the same—that you will escape the judgment of God?”



Matthew 23:2-3

“The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore all that they tell you, do and keep, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them.”



Jesus' point?

- ❖ Don't do,
- ❖ or live,
- ❖ or judge
- ❖ As the scribes and Pharisees do.



Matthew 7:3

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“And why do you look at the **speck** that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the **log** that is in your own eye?



Matthew 7:4

“Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye?”



Matthew 7:5

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Statement (v. 1) Do not judge or you will be judged.

Explanation (v. 2) If you're going to judge others, make sure you apply that same judgement to yourself, first! Hold yourself to the same standard/accountability as you do others.

Illustration (v. 3-4) Don't be that guy walking around with a 2x4 in your eye trying to fix everyone else's speck. Look to yourself first. Get YOUR life together first. Get your walk with the Lord right first. THEN you can help others.

Designation/condemnation (v. 5) Hypocrite!



So, we are indeed to judge between:

- ✓ Truth and falsehood (Mat 7:15)
- ✓ Good doctrine and false doctrine (Gal. 1:8; 2 Jn. 10-11)
- ✓ Sinful behavior and right behavior (Jn 7:24; Math. 18).



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Psalms 51:10-13

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.”



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- 5) Don't be a hypocrite



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