

A BETTER WAY

**UNEXPECTED LESSONS FROM
JESUS' MOST FAMOUS SERMON**



Matthew 7:1-12

1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

Matthew 7:1-12

5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:1-12

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

America the Judgmental

53% of Americans say the morality and ethics of their fellow citizens are “somewhat or very bad”.

(Pew Research Center)

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87% of Americans view Christians as judgmental.

(Barna)

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Fundamental Attribution Error:

Attributing behavior to character versus
circumstances

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John 7:24

Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.

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3. Treat others as you want to be treated
(Golden Rule, verse 12)

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"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

- Mother Teresa

Ephesians 4:15

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

John 8:10-11

10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

11 “No, Lord,” she said.
And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

