

## Matthew series #9: "Good People Exact Good Judgment" App Notes

**Matthew 7:1-3 ESV** *"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"*

**Matthew 7:4-5 ESV** *"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 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."*

### How to know if your judgment is Good or Unjust?

- ...you are often quick to \_\_\_\_\_ judgement on others.
- ...you keep a "LIST" of those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- ...you have \_\_\_\_\_ & often refuse to forgive others.
- ...you judge others by their \_\_\_\_\_ ; judge yourself by your \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...you have prejudices – \_\_\_\_\_ – by race, economic-status, religious affiliation, physical appearance, political party, past, etc.).

***"Don't judge me by my past I don't live there anymore."- Mother Teresa***  
***"Every time I judge someone else, I reveal an unhealed part of myself."-***  
***Anonymous***

### Two Questions Jesus Asked:

1. *"Why do you \_\_\_\_\_ in your brother's eye; \_\_\_\_\_ the log in your own eye?"*
2. *"How can you say to your brother, 'let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is a log in your own eye?"*

**Dr. Mike's paraphrase version:** 1) Jesus is saying to deal with your own heart before meddling in the lives of others; 2) We have 20/20 vision when inspecting the failures of others BUT we are blind to our own faults; 3) It seems we are very good **defense** \_\_\_\_\_ for our own deficiencies BUT excellent \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the inadequacies of others. ***THE BLAME GAME CONTINUES Since the Beginning Gen. 3:10 – 19***

**Galatians 6:1-3 NLT** *“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly [spiritual] should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”*

**Galatians 6:4-5** *“If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”*

**Paul’s gives five principles for Good People to Exact Good Judgment:**

1. The spiritual person should \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ help the fallen person get back onto the right path
2. Non-judgmental humility helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ the same temptation
3. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ compels us to share one another’s [heavy] burdens
4. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ act like they are too important to help; they are not!
5. Pay attention to your \_\_\_\_\_; be responsible for your \_\_\_\_\_.  
We MUST carry our own [light] burden!

***“We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others.”-  
John Wesley***

**Jesus gives the balance [do not be \_\_\_\_\_ BUT be \_\_\_\_\_]: Matt. 7:6**  
*“Do not give holy things to dogs. Do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they might walk all over them. They might turn around and tear you to pieces.”*

**1 Samuel 16:7 NIRV** *“...the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart.’”*

**Luke 17: 20-21** *“...he was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he gave them this reply: “The kingdom of God never comes by watching for it. Men cannot say, ‘Look, here it is’, or ‘there it is’, for the kingdom of God is inside you.”*

**Lyrics to the 1972 song: "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash**

*I can see clearly now the rain is gone.  
I can see all obstacles in my way.  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind.  
It's gonna be a bright (bright)  
Bright (bright) sunny day.  
It's gonna be a bright (bright)  
Bright (bright) sunny day.  
Oh, yes I can make it now the pain is gone.  
All of the bad feelings have disappeared.  
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for.  
It's gonna be a bright (bright)  
Bright (bright) sunny day.*

"When the dark clouds of shame & guilt are blown away; with blinders of unbelief & bitterness removed; after our broken hearts are healed & bad feelings of pain disappear: **We Can See Clearly Now!** We will see GOD more fully, OURSELVES more completely, and OTHERS more clearly: the log is gone!" – *Dr. Mike Harrison*

**Johnny Nash continues...**

*Here is that rainbow I've been praying for.  
It's gonna be a bright (bright)  
Bright (bright) sunny day.  
Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies.  
Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies.*

**2 Cor. 5:16-18, 21 NIRV** "So from now on we don't look at anyone the way the world does. At one time we looked at Christ in that way. But we don't anymore. When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here! **All this** [new eyes, new creation, new relationship with God, new life mission] **is from God.** He brought us back to himself through Christ's death on the cross. And he has given us the task of bringing others back to him through Christ...**we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us.**"

**Words for fill-in-the-blanks answer key:**

1. Pronounce
2. Failed
3. No mercy
4. Actions; intentions
5. Judged Previously
6. See The Speck; Do Not Notice
7. Lawyers; Prosecutors; Judges
8. Gently; Humbly
9. Avoid
10. Christ's Love
11. Judgmental People
12. Own Work; Own Conduct
13. Judgmental; Discerning
14. All This Is From God