

Matthew 7:1-5 - What are We to Judge?

Requirements for When we Judge

#1 – Matthew 7:1-2 – The standard we use will be used against us.

We will be judged by God's perfect standard.

Vv.1-2 – We don't want to raise God's standard since it would be applied to us.

#2 – Matthew 7:3-5b – Look at yourself first and remain humble.

Vv.3-4 – We need this since we all sin each day. It is too very easy to judge people in areas we don't struggle with.

V.5a – We are hypocrites if we do not look at ourselves first.

V.5b – We MUST first look at our own sin before dealing with others.

#3 – Matthew 7:5c – There must be actual sin (speck) as God defines sin.

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:11b.

We have to have an actual Biblical standard for judging sin.

#4a – Matthew 7:5d – They must be called a believer (brother/sister in the Lord).

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:11a & 13b.

We only discipline within the family or Body of Christ.

#4b – Matthew 7:6 – We are NEVER to judge unbelievers.

Also see 1 Corinthians 5:9-10, 12-13a.

The world needs the gospel since they are dead spiritually.

We are to give them the good news so they will then care about obedience.

What are Christians to judge?

Description		Reference	Unbelievers?	Believers?
Person	Thoughts	Matthew 7:1-2 Romans 2:16 John 5:22, 7:24	NO! Only Jesus is qualified to judge these things.	
	Attitudes			
	Motives			
	Appearances			
Observable actions	Doubtful Things	Romans 14:1-10 Colossians 2:16-23	No!	No!
	Actions	Matthew 7:3-5 1 Corinthians 5:9-13		Yes
	Fruits	Matthew 7:15-20		Yes
	Teachings	Acts 17:11 1 Timothy 1:3, Titus 3:10		Yes

1 Corinthians 5

Commands

- #1 – v.2** – That he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.
- #2 – v.5** – Deliver such a one to Satan.
- #3 – v.7** – Purge out the old leaven.
- #4 – vv.9 & 11** – We are not to keep company/fellowship with them.
- #3 – v.13** – Put away from yourselves the evil person.

Reasons

- #1 – v.5b** – For the destruction of the flesh.
- #2 – v.5c** – That his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- #3 – v.7b** – That you may be a new lump.
- #4 – v.7c** – For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.