

## **Christ Followers Do Not Judge**

**Matt 7:1-6** - *"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> 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? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup> "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.*

**Matt 7:16** – *You will know them by their fruits.*

### **Judgmentalism is Condemnation**

**Judge (G) to try, condemn, punish**

**Condemnation feeds into the work of satan**

**Rom 8:1** - *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

### **Judgmentalism Positions us to be Judged**

**Vs. 2** - *For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

### **Judgementalism Causes us to Look for Other's Faults**

**Vs. 3** - *And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?*

Ken was driving home late one night when he picked up a hitchhiker. As they rode along, he began to be suspicious of his passenger.

Ken checked to see if his wallet was safe in the pocket of his coat that was on the seat between them, but it wasn't there!

He slammed on the brakes, ordered the hitchhiker out, and said, "Hand over the wallet immediately!"

The frightened hitchhiker handed over a billfold, and Ken drove off.

When he arrived home, he started to tell his wife about the experience, but she interrupted him, saying, "Before I forget, Ken, do you know that you left your wallet at home this morning?"

## **Judgementalism Causes us to be Blind to our Own Faults**

**Vs. 4** - *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?*

A small-town baker bought his butter from a local farmer. After weighing his butter, he concluded the farmer had been reducing the amount in the packages but charging the same. Therefore, the baker accused the farmer of fraud. In court the judge asked the farmer, "Do you have measuring weights?"

"No sir," replied the farmer.

"How then do you manage to weigh the butter that you sell?"

The farmer answered, "When the baker began buying his butter from me, I thought I'd better get my bread from him. I have been using his 1-pound loaf as the weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong, he has only himself to blame."

## **Judgementalism Prevents us from Genuinely Helping Others**

**Vs 5** - *Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

In his Peanuts strip, Charles Schulz had an amazing talent for communicating truths like this in humorous, memorable ways. In one strip Charlie Brown rests his head in his hands while leaning on the wall and looking miserable. His friend, Lucy, approaches.

"Discouraged again, eh, Charlie Brown?" Charlie Brown does not even answer. "You know what your trouble is?" Lucy asks. Without waiting for a response, she announces, "The whole trouble with you is that you are you!" Charlie Brown says, "Well, what in the world can I do about that?" "I don't pretend to be able to give advice," Lucy replies. "I merely point out the trouble."

Chuck Swindoll Story

## **Judgementalism Positions us to be Harmed**

**Vs. 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.*

**Pro 9:7-8** - *He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. <sup>8</sup> Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;*

**Compassionate Godly counsel will usually be received.**

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**Drop the stones, meet them where they are, and call them to a higher level.**