

# redletter

**Red Letter – Part 2 – Judge Not**  
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Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. **2** For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. **3** And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? **4** How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? **5** Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. - Matthew 7:1-5

## WHY WE JUDGE OTHERS

- ✓ We are DIFFERENT.
- ✓ We are UNAWARE.
- ✓ We are INSECURE.

## WHAT IS CLEAR ABOUT JUDGING?

### 1) Never judge SUPERFICIALLY.

Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.  
– John 7:24

### 2) Never judge HYPOCRITICALLY.

You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things... **4** Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? – Romans 2:1, 4

### 3) Never hold someone to the STANDARDS of Jesus if they aren't a follower of Jesus.

It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside... – 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

### 4) Always help to RESTORE.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. **2** Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:1-2

**Next Sunday, March 19: Love Your Enemies**