# Outline – Matthew 7:1-12

1. **The Path to the Good Life** v12
2. **How we Fall Off the Path** v1-6
3. **How to Stay On the Path** v7-11

**Matthew 7:12** "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

**Matthew 6:9-10**

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will ***(your wish)*** be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**Matthew 7:12** "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for **this is the Law and the Prophets.**

**Matthew 5:17** Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them…
**20** “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

**Matthew 7:1** “Judge not, that you be not judged.”

## 2. How we Fall Off the Path

**Matthew 7:2** “For with the judgement you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it you will be measured to you.”

**Matthew 7:3** “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?
**4** 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?”

**Matthew 7:5** “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.”

**Matthew 7:6** “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”

# Two Pitfalls on the Path to the Good Life:

1. Proudly judging
2. Judging the proud

# Two Media Alternatives:

1. Gavin Ortlund - “Truth Unites”
2. Sean Demars - “Room for Nuance”

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

**1 Kings 3:5** At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.”

**1 Kings 3:9** Give your servant therefore an understanding mind *(“Listening Heart”)* to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

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**3. How to Stay On the Path**

**1 Kings 3:10** It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. **11** And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,

**James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

**Matthew 7:9** Or which one of you, if his son
asks him for bread, will give him a stone?
**10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a
serpent? **11** If you then, who are evil, know
how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will your Father who is in heaven
give good things to those who ask him.”