

# Sermon on the Mount

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## Measure in Mercy

Culture – “Let me do what I want”, tolerance, acceptance of antibiblical.

- **John 7:24** Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.
- **Romans 14:10-12** We will all stand before the judgment seat of God... each of us will give an account of himself to God.
- **Hebrews 10:30-31** 30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

God’s judgment is real, but His heart is to save.

**Matthew 7:1-2 (ESV)** 1 Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

- "Judge not" does not mean “when you see people sin, mind your business”.
- It means don't take God's place as ultimate judge or use a harsh, hypocritical standard.

- We often judge others to elevate ourselves.

**Matthew 5:7 (ESV)** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

**James 2:13 (ESV)** For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

- Do not forget your own need for God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Matthew 7:3-5 (ESV)** 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? 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.

- Self-righteousness – a righteousness based on their own work and effort.
- John 8 – Woman in adultery. Him without sin cast the first stone.
- Self-Righteousness blinds us.
- “See” – physical sight.
- “Notice” – perception. You cannot see something in your own eye but you should be capable of perceiving that something is wrong.

Leonard Ravenhill “God has two thrones: one for judgment, the other for mercy. Which seat do you choose to sit in?”

**Galatians 6:1 (ESV)** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.

- “Out your own eye” confession and repentance on our part.

**Matthew 7:6 (ESV)** 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.

- Discernment, not condemnation.
- Dog’s & pigs are unclean.
- Pearls = Truth, Wisdom, the Gospel.

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee and Tax Collector.

**Romans 2:1-4 (ESV)** Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

1. Where am I using a harsh standard for others but want mercy for myself?

2. What is the "log" in my eye that I need to confess and remove?
3. Am I helping others out of love or out of pride?
4. Do I use discernment in how and when I share truth?