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July 12, 2026: Mercy That Destroys Judgmentalism - Matthew 7:2-6

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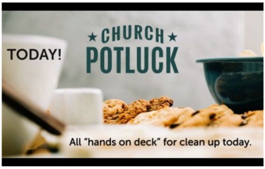
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All "hands on deck" for clean up today.

First Sunday: July 19th!
Move-In Week: July 13-19

1 Peter 2:9–10 ESV

> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's...

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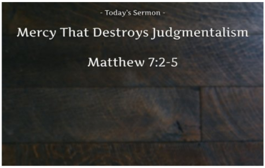

- Today's Sermon -

Mercy That Destroys Judgmentalism

Matthew 7:2-5

Matthew 7:2–6 ESV

> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 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? Or how can you say to your...

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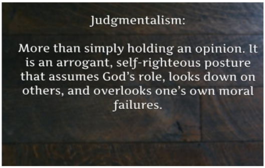

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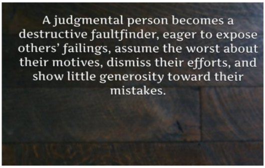

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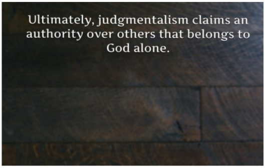

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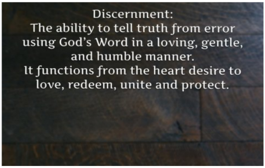
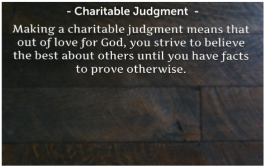
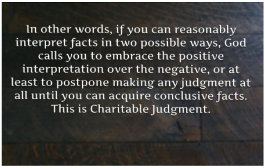


Discernment:
The ability to tell truth from error using God's Word in a loving, gentle, and humble manner.
It functions from the heart desire to love, redeem, unite and protect.

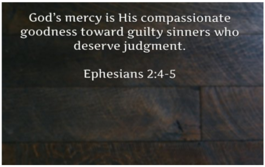


- Charitable Judgment -

Making a charitable judgment means that out of love for God, you strive to believe the best about others until you have facts to prove otherwise.



In other words, if you can reasonably interpret facts in two possible ways, God calls you to embrace the positive interpretation over the negative, or at least to postpone making any judgment at all until you can acquire conclusive facts. This is Charitable Judgment.



God's mercy is His compassionate goodness toward guilty sinners who deserve judgment.

Ephesians 2:4-5

Ephesians 2:4–5 KJV1900

> But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

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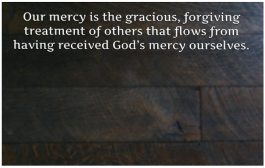
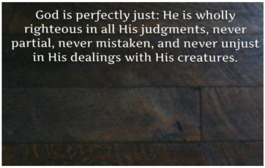


Our mercy is the gracious, forgiving treatment of others that flows from having received God's mercy ourselves.



God is perfectly just: He is wholly righteous in all His judgments, never partial, never mistaken, and never unjust in His dealings with His creatures.

Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV

“The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.

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Psalm 9:8 KJV1900

And he shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

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Isaiah 30:1–3 KJV1900

Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD,
That take counsel, but not of me;
And that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit,
That they may add sin to sin:
That walk to go down into Egypt,
And have...

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Isaiah 30:8–26 ESV

And now, go, write it before them on a tablet
and inscribe it in a book,
that it may be for the time to come
as a witness forever.
For they are a rebellious people,
lying children,
children...

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Romans 3:23–26 ESV

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s...

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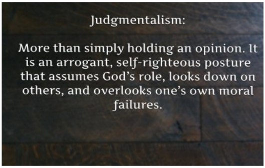

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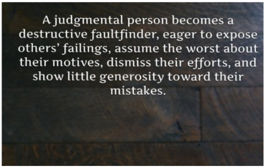

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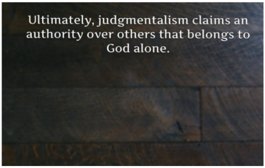

Ultimately, judgmentalism claims an authority over others that belongs to God alone.

Remembering the mercy God has shown us shapes our kingdom relationships in four ways:

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Kingdom relationships are to be free from judgmentalism
Matthew 7:2

Matthew 7:2 KJV1900

> For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

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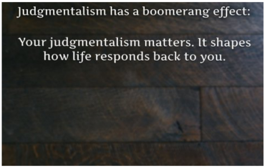
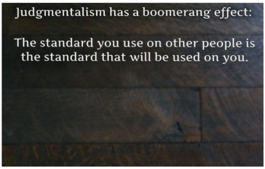


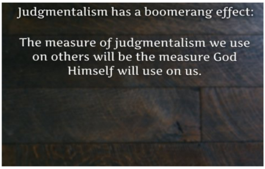
Judgmentalism has a boomerang effect:

Your judgmentalism matters. It shapes how life responds back to you.



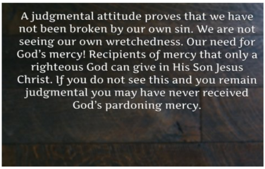
Judgmentalism has a boomerang effect:

The standard you use on other people is the standard that will be used on you.



Judgmentalism has a boomerang effect:

The measure of judgmentalism we use on others will be the measure God Himself will use on us.



A judgmental attitude proves that we have not been broken by our own sin. We are not seeing our own wretchedness. Our need for God's mercy! Recipients of mercy that only a righteous God can give in His Son Jesus Christ. If you do not see this and you remain judgmental you may have never received God's pardoning mercy.

Matthew 5:7 KJV1900

> Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

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Matthew 6:14 KJV1900

> For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

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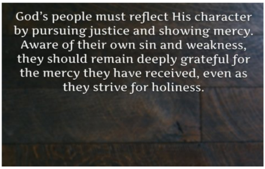
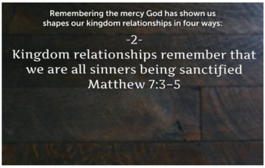


God's people must reflect His character by pursuing justice and showing mercy. Aware of their own sin and weakness, they should remain deeply grateful for the mercy they have received, even as they strive for holiness.



Remembering the mercy God has shown us shapes our kingdom relationships in four ways:

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Kingdom relationships remember that we are all sinners being sanctified Matthew 7:3–5

Matthew 7:3–5 KJV1900

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou...

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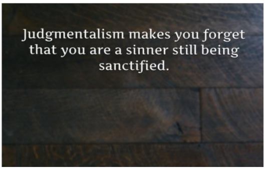
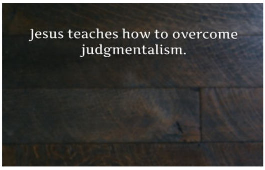
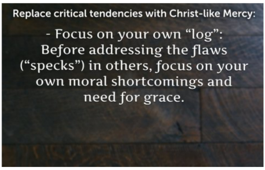


Judgmentalism makes you forget that you are a sinner still being sanctified.

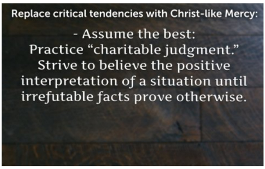


Jesus teaches how to overcome judgmentalism.



Replace critical tendencies with Christ-like Mercy:

- Focus on your own “log”: Before addressing the flaws (“specks”) in others, focus on your own moral shortcomings and need for grace.



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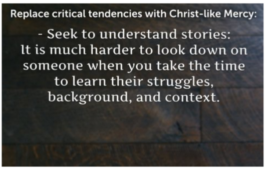
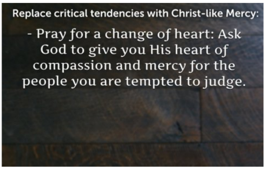
- Assume the best: Practice “charitable judgment.” Strive to believe the positive interpretation of a situation until irrefutable facts prove otherwise.



Replace critical tendencies with Christ-like Mercy:

- Seek to understand stories: It is much harder to look down on someone when you take the time to learn their struggles, background, and context.



Replace critical tendencies with Christ-like Mercy:

- Pray for a change of heart: Ask God to give you His heart of compassion and mercy for the people you are tempted to judge.

Matthew 7:5 ESV

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.

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Matthew 7:5 KJV1900

Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye.

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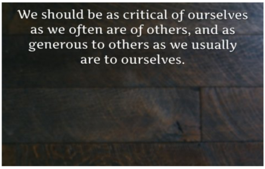
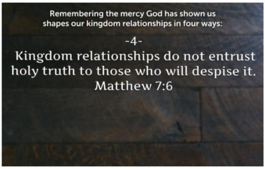

We should be as critical of ourselves as we often are of others, and as generous to others as we usually are to ourselves.


Remembering the mercy God has shown us shapes our kingdom relationships in four ways:

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Kingdom relationships do not entrust holy truth to those who will despise it.
Matthew 7:6

Matthew 7:6 KJV1900

“Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.”

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Matthew 13:45–46 ESV

““Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

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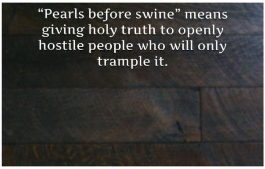
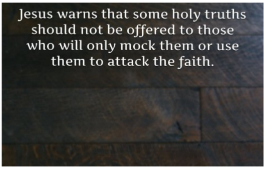
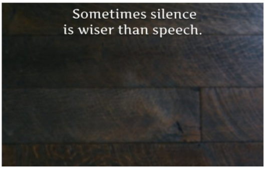

“Pearls before swine” means giving holy truth to openly hostile people who will only trample it.


Jesus warns that some holy truths should not be offered to those who will only mock them or use them to attack the faith.


Sometimes silence is wiser than speech.

2 Peter 2:22 KJV1900

> But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

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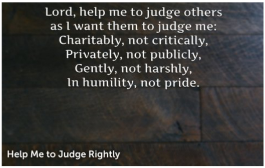
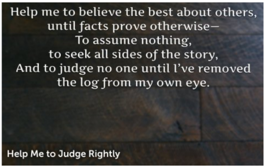


Lord, help me to judge others
as I want them to judge me:
Charitably, not critically,
Privately, not publicly,
Gently, not harshly,
In humility, not pride.

Help Me to Judge Rightly



Help me to believe the best about others,
until facts prove otherwise—
To assume nothing,
to seek all sides of the story,
And to judge no one until I've removed
the log from my own eye.

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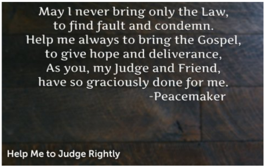

May I never bring only the Law,
to find fault and condemn.
Help me always to bring the Gospel,
to give hope and deliverance,
As you, my Judge and Friend,
have so graciously done for me.
-Peacemaker

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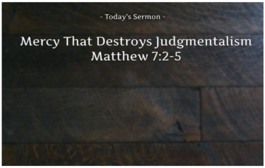

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♫ **O Praise The Name (Anástasis)**

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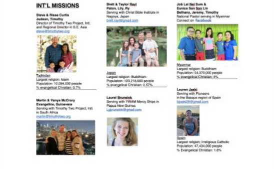

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Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
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Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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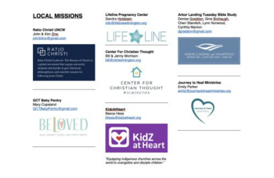

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