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2. Take the plank out of your eye (7:3-5).
3. Practice discernment (7:6).

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“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them” (Mt 6:1)

Be careful how you:

- i. Give (6:2-4).
- ii. Pray (6:5-14).
- iii. Fast (6:16-18).
- iv. Worry (6:19-34).
- v. Judge (7:1-4).

It's okay to judge ...

- i. We must judge between good and evil.
- ii. In context, Jesus judges.
- iii. The issue here revolves around unfair judgement.

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²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (Mark 7:20-23).

Judge others the way you want to be judged.

- i. Stay away from gossip/slander.
- ii. Empathize with the other person.
- iii. Judge by principle, not prejudice.

2. Take the plank out of your eye (vv. 3-5)!

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Hypocritical judgement happens when:

- i. We are incapable of judging righteously.
- ii. We are unqualified to judge someone else's life.
- iii. Incapable + Unqualified = Hypocrite!

Judge yourself first.

- i. Make a sin-ventory (Ps 139:23).
- ii. Seek God's forgiveness (1Jn 1:9).
- iii. Seek the forgiveness of others.

Help your brother take the spec out of his eye.

- i. Take time to learn about *that guy*.
- ii. Come beside them with an attitude of helpfulness.
- iii. Seek to gain a brother.

4. Beware of hypocritical judgment (v. 6).

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Two interpretations

- i. Don't share the good news with hardhearted people.
- ii. If you practice unfair judgement, it's dangerous.

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People love to judge; Jesus loves to forgive.
Be like Jesus.