

# Matthew 7:1-12

## Judge Yourself Not Others and Keep Seeking God”

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It is difficult to have a high biblical standard (holiness) and demonstrate love. How can we love, without judging, and without compromising God’s holiness?

### Discussion Qs

1. What are some reasons why people judge others?
2. How can you talk to someone about how his or her life may not be yielded to God without being judgmental?
3. How can prayer help you to avoid judging others?
4. Why do people need to keep seeking God to resist judging others?

### Jesus is Our King and Family [prelude]

Nurturing gentle love of a mother is exemplary, & how Paul cared for church **1Th. 2:7** *But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.*

**a. When Jesus is king parents are gentle, nurturing, and cherish their children**

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**Intro.** 20 years at Calvary Nexus: known for Bible teaching, outreach, service, + love. Cf. Challenge to have a high biblical standard (holiness) and love (grace + truth) How can we love, without judging, and without compromising God’s holiness?

**Subject: Judging others, prayer, and the Golden Rule**

**Object: Judge yourself not others (and keep seeking God)**

**Context:** Sermon on the Mount and exhortations to kingdom subjects

**I. Judge yourself not others [1-6]**

**A. Don’t judge others to condemnation [1-2]**

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup> For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**1. Realize God does not judge believers because of Christ**

**a. Those who are spared God’s judgment resist condemning others**

i. Stop judging, *krino* to judge to condemnation [1]

b. Those who keep condemning others may have neglected God's grace [2]

## **2. What are some reasons why people judge others?**

a. We want God to be gracious + merciful to us, and judge re motive not action. That is how we should think about and treat others

**B. Recognize your sin before the sin of others [3-5]** Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?<sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

### **1. Sin looks worse on others until we deal with our own [3-5]**

a. Why focus on the splinter in a brother's eye & not see the log in our own [3]? Because we don't believe there's a log in our own eye

i. **Brother [3,4]:** implies a relationship.

ii. Log and splinter are same material [4]

**Rom. 2:1** Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

b. **2Sam. 12** Nathan to David and parable re sin with Bathsheba

c. We tend to put down others to elevate self [Cf. lift others up] **Phil. 4:8**

**How can you talk to someone about how his or her life may not be yielded to God without being judgmental?**

### **2. Deal with your sin before gently trying to help others with theirs [4-5]**

a. Splinters need to be removed gently [Gal. 6:1]

**3. Be discerning in seeking to help others be right with God [6]** Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

**a. If someone has no interest in yielding to God, don't waste your effort**

i. Dogs + pigs are unclean (wild are dangerous),

## **C. Respect others and don't judge: five areas**

**1. By appearance [Ja. 2:1-4, 1Sam. 16:7]**

**2. Service to the Lord or lack thereof [1Cor. 4:1-5]**

**3. Matters of liberty [Rom. 14:1-5]**

**4. Style of worship [Col. 2:16, 2Sam. 6:20]**

**5. Don't speak evil of another [Ja. 4: 11-12]**

## **II. Keep seeking God [7-12] How to avoid judging others**

### **A. Kingdom prayer [7-11]**

**1. God's people keep asking, seeking, and knocking [7-8]** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**a. Persist in prayer and you will receive, find, and enter [8]** Prayer is effective

**2. God promises to act based on His character [9-11]** Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you,

then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

**a. God wants to answer our prayers when they align with His will**

**i. Your Father:** 16x in the Sermon on the Mount, radical concept

ii. Argue lesser to greater. If we as earthly imperfect parents do good for our children how much more a perfect heavenly Father [Cf. re birds and flowers 6:25-34]

iii. God is a perfect Father who delights to give & do good for His children

**b. Pray for people rather than judging them**

**3. The greatest gift through prayer is relationship with God [11]**

**a. Prayer helps us to see God and our sin more clearly, and that helps us to not judge**

i. When Jacob wrestles with God [Gen. 33] finally wins when he loses + yields to God

**B. Kingdom principle [12] The Golden Rule So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.**

**1. Treat others the way that you want to be treated** An affirmative duty to treat others well, not merely avoid mistreating.

**a. No one wants to be judged**

**b. this sums up the Law and the Prophets:** Cf. Matt. 22:37-40. Cf. Astronomy is not "Twinkle twinkle Little Star"

**2. We cannot truly treat others selflessly without Christ**