



SERMON ON THE MOUNT



DO NOT JUDGE











DANGER

• EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE • VAPOR HARMFUL • POISON



DANGER
VERY FLAMMABLE • VAPOR HARMFUL • POISONOUS

A yellow rectangular label with two black hazard symbols at the top: a flame inside an octagon on the left, and a skull and crossbones inside a diamond on the right. Below the symbols, the word "DANGER" is printed in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath "DANGER", the text "VERY FLAMMABLE • VAPOR HARMFUL • POISONOUS" is printed in smaller, black capital letters.



VENOMOUS RELATIONSHIPS

VS.

VIGOROUS RELATIONSHIPS

VENOM

A toxic substance produced by some animals (such as snakes, scorpions, or bees) that is injected into prey or an enemy chiefly by biting or stinging and has an injurious or lethal effect.

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VIGOROUS

Living or growing with full vital strength;
strong; flourishing; robust.

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MATTHEW 7:1-2

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

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ROMANS 2:1

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

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ROMANS 14:10

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:29

I am referring to the other person's conscience, not yours. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience?

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JAMES 4:12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you – who are you to judge your neighbor?

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LUKE 7:43

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

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JOHN 7:24

Stop judging by mere appearances,
but instead judge correctly.

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1 CORINTHIANS 5:12-13

What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:15 NASB

And yet do not regard that person as an enemy, but admonish that one as a brother or sister.

2 TIMOTHY 2:25 NASB

With gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth

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GALATIANS 6:1 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.

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MATTHEW 18:15-17 CEV

If one of my followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have won back a follower. But if that one refuses to listen, take along one or two others...

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MATTHEW 18:15-17 CEV

...The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true by two or more witnesses. If the follower refuses to listen to them, report the matter to the church.

JUDGE (KRINO)

To condemn, to damn, to weigh or discern, to warn, correct or coach.

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Disagreement is not always judgment
Truth-sharing is not always judgment
Discernment is not always judgment
Challenging is not always judgment
Boundaries are not always judgment
Confronting is not always judgment
Correcting is not always judgment

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**“IT IS MUCH EASIER
TO BE CRITICAL
THAN TO BE CORRECT.”**

– Disraeli

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SUSPENSION OF NEGATIVE JUDGMENT

“In this early stage, many people show a decrease in activity in the prefrontal cortex, which is the part of the brain that has to do with the negative judgment of people.”

— **ALLISON ABRAMS**

Navigating the 4 Stages of a Relationship

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“In other words, the longer a couple can maintain suspension of negative judgment toward each other, the better chances they have of relationship success.”

— **ALLISON ABRAMS**

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Suspended judgment is a cognitive process and a rational state of mind in which one withholds judgments, particularly on the drawing of moral or ethical conclusions. The opposite of suspension of judgment is premature judgement, usually shortened to prejudice.



**“FAULTFINDING IS THE
VENOM OF THE SOUL.”**

– Ray Pritchard

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MATTHEW 7:2

For in the same way you judge others,
you will be judged, and with the measure
you use, it will be measured to you.

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VULTURE CULTURE

“Like the vultures of the air that live off dead, rotting flesh, these sad individuals thrive on the mistakes and sins of others. They fly across the landscape, keeping a close eye out for the failures of others. Then they swoop in for their daily feast.”

— RAY PRITCHARD

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**HYPERCritical COMES FROM
SPIRITUAL PRIDE AND PARTLY
FROM DISGUISED ENVY.**

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A critical spirit is a ravenous beast that devours many an honest effort, loving gesture, or kind deed with nary a backward glance. Threatening to steal the joy from everything that isn't perfect and everyone who falls short of its expectations. It poisons every relationship it touches, because the pressure of an impossible standard is too heavy to bear...

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...Those in relationship with one who possesses a critical spirit are always trying and always falling short. Eventually they stop trying altogether.

— **LORI HATCHER**

4 Ways to Cure a Critical Spirit

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CRITICAL WORDS

Eat holes in tender souls.

CRITICAL MINDS

Etche deep scars in families,
marriages, and friendships.

CRITICAL HEARTS

Marr forever the shine and
beauty of faith, hope, and love.

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You might have a Critical Spirit tendency if you are:

- PRIDEFUL
- VICTIMIZED
- SUSPICIOUS
- SARCASTIC
- CYNICAL
- ENTITLED
- INSECURE
- PERFECTIONIST
- SELFISH
- MANIPULATIVE

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MATTHEW 7:3-5


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? 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?

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MATTHEW 7:3-5

...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.

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**HYPERCRITICAL
+ HYPOCRITICAL
= JUDGMENTAL**

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MATTHEW 7:6

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.

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Venomous Relationships
(Festering)

VS

Vigorous Relationships
(Flourishing)

- PROSECUTE

- PROXIMITY

- PROFANITY

- PERMISSION

- PRIDE

- POSTURE

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does healthy judging look like?
2. What can you do to work on not being hypercritical?
3. What does it mean to remove the plank out of my own eye?
4. How can we be better posture ourselves to receive input from others?



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