

JUST NOT JUST ENOUGH

Sermon on the Mount Series — Part 10

Matthew 7:1–6

Key Truth: I am simply not just enough to be your judge—and neither are you. There is only One righteous Judge.

I. Judge Not

Matthew 7:1

“Judge not, that ye be not judged.”

Jesus isn't telling us that right and wrong don't exist. He is confronting our tendency to place ourselves in **God's seat** and pronounce judgment upon others.

Before I decide what someone else deserves, I need to remember:

I'm not the Judge.

Supporting Scriptures:

Isaiah 66:5 • Ezekiel 16:52–56 • Romans 2:1–2 • Romans 14:3–4, 10–13 • 1 Corinthians 4:3–5 • James 3:1 • James 4:11–12

Statement:

It's hard to sit in judgment of somebody else when I remember I'm going to stand before the Judge myself.

Notes:

II. Remember the Measure

Matthew 7:2

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

Be careful about the standard you use on somebody else.

If I demand justice for everyone else's failures while begging for mercy concerning my own, something is wrong with my measure.

Supporting Scriptures:

Psalms 18:25–26 • James 2:13

Statement:

If I want mercy when I'm wrong, I ought to have some mercy when somebody else is wrong.

Notes:

III. Deal With Your Own Beam

Matthew 7:3–5

“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 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.”

Jesus doesn't say the mote isn't there.

He says **deal with your beam first**.

The problem isn't recognizing sin. The problem is trying to straighten somebody else out while refusing to let Christ straighten **me** out.

Notice the Order:

FIRST — Examine myself.

THEN — I can see clearly enough to help my brother.

Statement:

Before I start performing spiritual eye surgery on somebody else, I better let Jesus work on me.

Notes:

IV. Use Godly Discernment

Matthew 7:6

“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.”

“Judge not” does **not** mean “discern nothing.”

Jesus tells us not to condemn people while also commanding us to exercise spiritual discernment.

There is a difference between:

Condemning someone

and

Discerning something.

We don't decide another person's worth.

We don't pronounce their sentence.

But we **do** need wisdom concerning where, when, and with whom we share what God has entrusted to us.

Statement:

Discernment recognizes what is happening. Judgment decides what somebody deserves. Only God is just enough for that.

Notes:

TAKE IT HOME

I'm Just Not Just Enough

Before judging someone else, ask:

Am I taking God's seat?

Am I using a measure I would want God to use on me?

Have I dealt with my own beam first?

Am I exercising discernment—or pronouncing judgment?

Final Thought

"I'm just not just enough to be your judge. None of us are."

And here's the danger:

If my judgment is just, my sentence is self-pronounced.

So rather than standing over someone in judgment, I need to stand beside them in grace—and remember that **we both need Jesus.**