

# The Bible Says Don't Judge!

## Well, Not Exactly #2

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*“Judge not, that you be not judged.<sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.<sup>3</sup> 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?<sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> 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.*

—Matthew 7:1-5 (ESV)

**Instead of teaching us not to judge, Jesus is actually teaching us to judge, but he is telling us how to do it correctly.**

### 1. Judge Yourself First

*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.*

—Matthew 7:5(ESV)

### 2. Judge Rightly

#### A. Beyond Appearances

*“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”*

—John 7:24(ESV)

#### B. Use God’s Standards, Not Yours

*“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”*

*—John 7:24(ESV)*

*They [the Pharisees] tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders...*

*—Matthew 23:4 (ESV)*

## **Don’t Condemn People for Things God’s Doesn’t**

### **3. Don’t Judge Unbelievers Like Believers**

*For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?*

*—1 Corinthians 5:12 (ESV)*

### **4. Judge with Humility and Gentleness**

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love*

*—Ephesians 4:1-2 (ESV)*

*Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness...*

*—Galatians 6:1 (ESV)*