

# The Right and Wrong of Judging Others

Matthew 7:1-6

## Introduction:

- Generally, people are quick to j\_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus desires His followers to avoid wrong judgments and to know how to judge correctly.

## Remember the p\_\_\_\_\_ of hypocritical judgment (1,2)

*Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure it will be measured to you.*

- This is not prohibiting e\_\_\_\_\_ kind of judgment
  1. 1Cor 5:12 – we are commanded to judge those within the c\_\_\_\_\_ who are persisting in sin.
  2. Matt 7:15,19 – we are to judge those claiming to be a prophet of God by their f\_\_\_\_\_.
- This is a prohibition against constantly playing judge
  1. It could be translated, s\_\_\_\_\_ *constantly judging*
  2. The P\_\_\_\_\_ were known for playing judge
- The penalty for hypocritical judgment is c\_\_\_\_\_ - some think this to refer to condemnation by God, but I think it means condemnation by others.

## Remember the p\_\_\_\_\_ of self-judgment (3-5)

- Jesus gives a humorous picture of two f\_\_\_\_\_ Jews (this can be applied to believers in Christ) walking about, each having something in one of their eyes.
  1. One has a \_\_\_\_\_. The other has a \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The one with the log in his eye attempts to \_\_\_\_\_ the splinter from the other one's eye.
- Jesus counsels us to
  1. F\_\_\_\_\_, remove the log out of our own eye.
    - a. This requires us to judge ourselves before God and to r\_\_\_\_\_ of any sin
    - b. This means that we do not i\_\_\_\_\_ to repeat that sin.
  2. Then, remove the splinter from your fellow believer's eye
    - a. This is the attempt to r\_\_\_\_\_ a person who is persisting in sin (Matt 18:15)
    - b. This requires love and g\_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 6:1)

## Remember the p\_\_\_\_\_ of poor judgment (6)

- Jesus uses the metaphor of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Dogs – these were the w\_\_\_\_\_ dogs that were always looking for food.
  2. Hogs – these were domestic pigs and were considered u\_\_\_\_\_ by the Mosaic Law.
- What might happen if you feed a wild dog? – It might come after you, demanding more, and may t\_\_\_\_\_ you to pieces to get it.
- What might happen if you feed pearls to pigs?
  1. The pigs expect the pearls to be f\_\_\_\_\_
  2. When they realize it is not, they will expect you to have their food and will t\_\_\_\_\_ you as they try to find it.
- Jesus does not explain the metaphor, but there is a general understanding of the words that may help us.
  1. *Don't give what is h\_\_\_\_\_* - This refers to the things of God.
  2. *To dogs, to swine* – commonly used to refer to un\_\_\_\_\_.
- Examples
  1. Giving God's m\_\_\_\_\_ to a televangelist who lives "high on the hog."
  2. Trying to witness to those who react v\_\_\_\_\_ to the gospel (e.g. Acts 7:57,58)
  3. Trying to witness to those who react by r\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Acts 13:46,47)
  4. Sharing confidential matters with a g\_\_\_\_\_ (Pr 20:19)