



Judging Others

Matthew 7:1-5



Introduction

- **What is “judging” all about?**
- **Command not to judge**
- **In the same way**
- **Metaphor of ridiculous paradox**
- **How can you say?**
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Command not to judge

- Do not judge—command
- Remember 28:20—remember all things I have “commanded you?”
- This command in the Sermon on the Mount gets at the heart of it all!
- Do not judge “so that” you will not be judged



In the same way

- **Golden Rule in reverse!**
- **What measure you use...be used on you**
- **What goes around comes around**
- **What measures do we use to judge others?**
- **It is not our place to see if people measure up to worldly standards or not**
- **Disciples do not measure one another**





What is judging all about?

- “Judge”—pass unfavorable judgment upon
- Express an opinion based upon your own limited knowledge
- Criticize, find fault with, condemn
- Imposing your own ideas without finding out the real truth behind what is going on
- To assign motives to...without really knowing
- 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Metaphor of ridiculous paradox

- Speck of sawdust versus plank in the eye
- This metaphor is designed to drive home how ridiculous it is to judge others
- We have so much more wrong with ourselves!
- Exaggeration/Hyperbole in the Bible
- Have already seen this in the Sermon



How can you say?

- Actual practice going on in some form
- Wish we knew the specifics of this judging
- Perhaps directed at religious leaders listening to this lesson
- Certainly includes everyone
- “When all the time...” Denial or unawareness of personal status
- Spiritual self-awareness critical as a disciple



You hypocrite

- Acting like you have no problem
- Luke 6:37-38, notice its immediate context
- John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance
- John 8:15, judging according to the flesh
- Acts 13:46—judging yourselves unworthy
- 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 “judging” in the sense of spiritual discernment regarding sinfulness

