



Jesus on Judging  
Matthew 7:1-6

Matthew 7:1-6 (HCSB)

“Do not judge, so that you won’t be judged. For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but don’t notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and look, there’s a log in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. Don’t give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them with their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces.

#### I. A Demand

Verse 1-2 – “Do not judge, so that you won’t be judged. For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

John 7:24 (HCSB)

Stop judging according to outward appearances; rather judge according to righteous judgment.”

***Stop your “hypocritical” judging.***

#### II. A Distinction

James 4:10-12 (HCSB)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. Don't criticize one another, brothers. He who criticizes a brother or judges his brother criticizes the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

***Exercise Discernment – Eliminate Condemnation***

III. A Danger

Verse 2 - "For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye but don't notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and look, there's a log in your eye? Hypocrite!"

Matthew 7:1-2 (The Message)

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging.

***The same "judgement yardstick" will be used against you.***

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Faultfinding is the "venom of the soul." It destroys our joy, drains our happiness, and prevents us from having close friendships. We criticize others in order to bring them down to our level. Or worse, we tear them down to prove they are beneath us. Faultfinding is a deadly disease because if not kept in check, it turns us into cynics who expect the worst from others. The faultfinder expects failure and secretly gloats when he finds it. Is it any wonder that the faultfinder almost always is a gossip and a talebearer? First, we spot the flaws of others and then we can't wait to spread the news.



IV. A Direction

***Be tough on yourself and be tender with others.***

Verse 5 - First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

## Galatians 6:1-2 (HCSB)

“If someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you won’t be tempted also. Carry one another’s burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

How to “think” before you speak:

T – is it TRUE?

H – is it HELPFUL?

I – is it INSPIRING?

N – is it NECESSARY?

K – is it KIND?