

The Gospel of Matthew

“Do Not Judge”
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“Do not judge lest you be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye?

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“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.

Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Do Not Judge

1. Prohibition: *“Do not judge”*

➤ does not mean suspend all moral judgment

- we are to discern truth from falsehood
- we are to discern types of people – unbelievers, false teachers, “dogs and pigs”
- we are to confront sin and call for repentance in the church

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1. Prohibition: *“Do not judge”*

➤ refers to a critical, judgmental spirit

- a self-righteousness, hypocritical attitude of superiority
- the primary context is the church (“brother”), often in matters of indifference

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Romans 14:10-14

“But you, why do you judge your brother? Or again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we all shall appear before the judgment seat of God...”

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this – not to put an obstacle or stumbling block in a brother’s way.”

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2. Reason: *"lest you be judged"*

- we will incur God's judgment
 - reciprocal – the measure we use with others, God will use with us
 - a judgmental attitude excludes us from God's pardon because it betrays an unbroken spirit

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3. Remedy

- a) first remove the log
 - demonstrate a humble, honest, broken spirit toward your own sin
 - acknowledge your debt to and constant need of God's grace

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- b) help remove the speck
 - we have the responsibility of helping one another overcome sin
 - we need a humble, genuine, gentle attitude in order to safely remove "specks"

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Galatians 6:1-2

"Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ"