

Do not judge

Matthew 7:1-6

- I. Don't judge others – Stop critically looking for faults in other Christians (Matthew 7:1-2).
 - A. *Don't judge* – Because we aren't God (7:1a: James 4:12; Romans 14:4-5, 10-12).
 - Jesus was not talking about ignoring right and wrong. Jesus was talking about a critical superior attitude.
 - B. *We will be judged* – Because Christ will judge (7:1b-2; 2 Corinthians 5:9b-10; 1 Corinthians 3:14; 4:4-5).
 - We will be judged based on how critical or gracious we were to other Christians.
- II. Look in the Mirror – Focus on your own sin so you can genuinely help others with theirs (Matthew 7:3-5).
 - A. *Sawdust in your brother's eye* – Don't criticize Christians for their faults when you have a glaring fault of pride yourself (7:3-4).
 - B. *The plank in our own eye* – We must deal with our pride so God can use us to help others in sin (7:5; Galatians 6:1-2).
- III. But don't be naïve – Discern when someone rejects truth and don't keep wasting time on them (Matthew 7:6).