

Sermon Notes
June 16, 2019

Sermon Series: Sermon on the Mount

Sermon Title: Before You Judge – Matthew 7:1-6

Scripture Reference: “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see 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,’ when there is the log in your own eye? 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 dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”

Matthew 7:1-6

Additional Scripture References: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.”

Matthew 7:15-16

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

Romans 16:17

You can be morally discerning without being judgmental. Jesus forbids “judgmentalism.” Judgementalism is a sinfully critical spirit, a condemning attitude.” (D.A. Carson)

1. We Are Not The Ultimate Judge (vs.1-2)

“The secret of our relationships with one another in the Christian Church, especially when we have our differences, is “Jesus Christ is Lord.” To despise or stand in judgment on a fellow Christian isn't just a breach of fellowship. It is a denial of the Lordship of Jesus. I need to say to myself, *Who am I, that I should cast myself in the role of another Christian's lord and judge?* I must be willing for Jesus Christ to be not only **my** Lord and Judge, but also my fellow Christians' Lord and Judge. ... I must not interfere with Christ's Lordship over other Christians.” (John R.W. Stott, *The Gospel, The Spirit, The Church*)

2. We Are Not Perfect (vs. 3-5)

- A. Admit Your Shortcomings (v. 5)
- B. Acknowledge The Deeper Issue