

1. How have you struggled with judging in your life? In what areas of your life are you most likely to be judgmental of someone (e.g. finances, work, health, spiritual disciplines, parenting, marriage, etc.)?

2. Read **Matthew 7:1-6**.

What is the difference between church discipline (**Matthew 18:15-20**) and sinfully judging a brother or sister? How do **verses 3-5** help in the process of reconciliation and addressing someone who has offended you?

Why would you not want to be judged with the same standard you judge others? (**7:2**)

What aspect of the way God has treated you in the Gospel should compel you to be humble and patient instead of judgmental?

Why do your actions toward other people affect how God acts toward you? If you're not loving, forgiving, withholding judgment and giving mercy as a Kingdom Person should, what does that say about your relationship with God? As a member of the Kingdom?

Why do you think Jesus was so harsh in dealing with people who would not receive the Gospel and His teaching? (**7:6**) Does this seem unreasonable? Doesn't God want all people to come to repentance? Why not continue to press the Gospel with people who are strongly against the Good News?

3. Are you more sensitive to the sin in others than to your own sin? If so, how can that be changed?

4. Does social media increase or decrease your temptation to judge others? How do you use social media without sinfully judging someone?

5. Take time to review the 10 points to help in not judging other people. Which ones do you do well? Which ones do you struggle with? Which ones would you say you just "can't do?" How does God's power factor in to you living your life as a God-honoring Kingdom person?



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THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - WEEK 14

Jesus & Judging | Matthew 7:1-6

"Do not judge, so that you won't be judged."

Jesus - Matthew 7:1

Kingdom people don't walk in _____ that focuses on the faults of others while _____ their own _____.

Kingdom people should be known for their _____ and not their _____.

Having a judgmental attitude towards others is...

A. _____ (7:1-2)

B. _____ (7:3-4)

C. _____ (7:5)

Use Godly judgment & discernment in sharing the _____ with others. (7:6)

How can those of us who have been redeemed from all of our sin by the precious blood of Christ **rightly** make judgments without **wrongly** being judgmental?

1. **Check your motives.** Ask yourself, Why am I doing this? Check your heart, knowing that ultimately only God knows the motives and intentions of the heart (Proverbs 16:2; 1 Corinthians 4:3-5).

2. **Examine your own walk with the Lord first.** Ask, Am I walking in the Spirit, characterized by a gentle spirit, careful to monitor my own sin (Galatians 6:1-2)?

3. **Seek out the wisdom** of God's Word and godly counsel before acting (Proverbs 10:13-14; 11:14; 15:22).

4. **Practice the Golden Rule.** Think about how you would want to be treated if you were on the receiving end of correction (Matthew 7:12).

5. **Be careful** not to make a snap decision or quick judgment. Take the time to get the facts, and listen before taking action (Proverbs 18:13).

6. **Pray** for the one who appears to be caught in sin before correcting him or her (James 5:15-16).

7. **Do not forget the example of Jesus**, who helped and ministered to sinners. Jesus was condemned and ridiculed for the way he cared for and loved sinners, tax collectors, pagans, and the woman caught in adultery (John 7:53-8:11).

8. **Speak the truth**, but do it in love (Ephesians 4:15).

9. **Keep in mind** that some things are right and wrong, but some things are just different (Romans 14:1-6,13-23). Be careful not to judge someone because of personality or cultural differences.

10. **Never forget** that ultimately everyone must give an account to the Lord, not to you (Romans 14:7-12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Our goal in each of these principles is to treat others as God, in Christ, has treated us.

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