



¹ Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1-2

♦ **Krinō (*kree'-no*):** to judge; to separate for accountability; to offer opinion/verdict regarding right and wrong.

Followers of Jesus should:

1. Never Judge HYPOCRITICALLY .

³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Matthew 7:3-5
(see also: Romans 2:1-4)

2 OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JUDGMENTALISM

(A) WE TEND TO ACCUSE OTHERS AND EXCUSE OURSELVES.

(B) THE PLACE WHERE WE ISSUE OUR HARSHEST JUDGEMENT OFTEN REVEALS OUR DEEPEST WEAKNESS .

2. Never Judge SUPERFICIALLY .

Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly. John 7:24

3. Never Judge SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY .

³ The one who eats everything must not eat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. John 14:3-4

4. Never Judge non-Christians by CHRISTIAN standards.

¹² What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? ¹³ God’s will judge those outside. 1 Corinthians 5:12-13a

Followers of Jesus should:

Always offer MERCY

¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. James 2:13

Always help RESTORE fallen believers.

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Which of Pastor Shawn’s points are most difficult for you to live out? Why?
2. What are the situations in your life where you feel most judged? When are you most judgmental of others?
3. Describe a time when you judged someone superficially. Why do you think it’s so easy to do?
4. Why is judgmentalism so harmful to relationships?
5. How would you define a hypocrite? How do you think people become hypocritical?
6. Do you lean more toward grace or truth? How can you move toward being both?
7. Read Galatians 6:1-2. Discuss the type of relationship that would be necessary for this kind of restoration. Are there people in your life you need to help gently restore? What is your next step to come alongside their recovery?