



## **The Heart of the Matter Series (Sermon on the Mount)**

### **“Who’s the Judge” (Matthew 7:1-6)**

#### **Recap:**

- **Finish Chapter 5**
- **Chapter 6**
  - **“Being Discreet” (Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18)**
  - **“The Model Prayer” (Matthew 6:9-15)**
  - **“Two by Two by Two (Matthew 6:19-24)**
  - **“Why Worry” (Matthew 6:25-34)**
    - **Worrying about the Superficial is unnecessary for you as a Christian (vv. 25-30)**
    - **Worrying about the Superficial is unworthy of you as a Christian (vv. 31-33)**
    - **Worrying about the Superficial is unproductive for you as a Christian (v. 34)**

#### **Notes:**

- I. **What does Jesus mean by “Do not judge others”? (v. 1)**
  - A. **He does not forbid making moral judgments (discernment)**
    1. **John 7:24: Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly.**

2. Ephesians 5:11: Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

B. He does forbid a critical, judgmental spirit.

1. Romans 14:10-11: So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the scripture say, "As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bend to me and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.

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II. Why shouldn't you judge others? (vv. 1-5)

A. You're not the judge (v. 1)

1. Romans 14:4: Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help they will stand and receive his approval.

2. James 4:11-12: Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law not to judge whether it applies to you. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

B. God will judge the same way you judge others (v. 2)

1. Romans 2:1: You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are

condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

2. James 2:12-13: So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

**C. You should be more concerned about judging yourself**

1. You know your own sins better than anyone else's (v. 3)
2. It's hypocritical to care about others' sins more than your own (v. 4)
3. You can't help others with their sins until you've first addressed your own (v. 5a)

**D. God calls you to help others rather than judge them (5b)**

1. Galatians 6:1: Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.
2. 1 Peter 4:8: Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

**Notes:**

**III. What about those who refuse help? (v. 6)**

**A. You cannot force the gospel on people**

**B. Do not engage those who treat the gospel with contempt**

1. Proverbs 9:8: So don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you. But correct the wise, and they will love you.

2. **Proverbs 23:9: Don't waste your breath on fools, for they will despise the wisest advice.**
3. **Matthew 10:14: If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave.**

**C. Understand the supreme value of following Jesus and God's Word**

1. **Psalm 19:10: They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.**
2. **Matthew 13:45-46: Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for a choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!**

**Notes:**

**Conclusion (Application)**

1. **Stop being critical**
2. **The Measure you use will be used against you.**
3. **You need to be concerned about your own spiritual wellness.**
4. **We need to be a help for those who are in sin. Help them overcome it.**
5. **Don't waste your time on those who choose not to be helped. (Pray)**

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