

Summer Leadership Program:
Self-Awareness in Leadership

Matthew 7:1-5

3 Observations

1. Logs were specks once...

- a. Our faults grow rather than shrink when we ignore them.

i. Matthew 6:22-24 refers to the eyes being the lamp of the body. If the eye is clear in this case seeking after righteousness, then the body is full of light. If it is bad, then the whole body is full of darkness. – This passage refers to what your focus is on. Is it on earthly things or on heavenly things?

ii. Why did Jesus use the analogy of the speck in one's eye?

There is a parallel passage in Luke that starts with Luke 6:39-40 Jesus starts by stating a blind man cannot guide a blind man...

- a. This idea of blindness Jesus used against the teachers of the law several times. Matthew 15:1-14, Matthew 23:16-19. They maligned

God's law and condemned others for not following their traditions.

- b. This blindness was a rejection of the truth and obedience towards God so that they would be recognized by men. Matthew 23:27-28

2. We cannot help others with their failings while ignoring our own.

- a. Jesus continues in Luke 6:43-45 by stating a bad tree produces bad fruit.
- b. This is evidenced in Peter's interaction with the Gentiles. Gal. 2:11-21

3. We all need help with removing our logs.

- a. We cannot always see where we are in error. Psalm 139
- b. Sin ensnares so be careful. Galatians 6:1-2

Do not judge lest you be judged.

Rev. 20:11-12 – There is a judgement for all of us.