



Sermon Notes

Matthew 7:1–5 (ESV)

¹“Judge not, that you be not judged.

²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

⁴Or 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?

⁵You 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.

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(Answer key located on back page)

INTRODUCTION

Jesus teaches that true judgment begins with _____
before attempting to correct others.

I. THE COMMAND: RESIST THE _____ OF JUDGMENT (v. 1-2)

- Jesus isn't abolishing all judgment but addressing our tendency to assume _____ role.
- The principle of divine exchange: "For with the judgment you _____, you will be judged."
- Though possessing perfect judgment, Jesus consistently chose _____ over condemnation.

Application:

Questions to ask yourself before judging:

1. "What don't I know about this _____?"
2. "How would I want to be _____ if I were struggling?"
3. "How can I _____ rather than criticize?"

II. RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN _____ (v. 3-4)

- "Why do you see the _____ in your brother's eye, but do not notice the _____ in your own eye?"
- The bigger our own problems are, the _____ they are for us to notice.

Application:

Create a personal _____ list. Identify three areas where you frequently judge others while excusing yourself.

III. THE CORRECTION: _____ YOUR LOG FIRST (v. 5)

"You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and _____ you will see clearly."

This teaching contains both a command and a _____:

- Command: Remove our own log first
- Promise: We "will see clearly"

Application:

Before pointing out someone else's mistakes, check yourself with these questions:

- Where am I using _____?
- Am I expecting something from others that I don't expect from _____?
- Who am I judging _____ right now?
- Am I holding _____ that cloud my vision?

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

How have I been quick to judge others without examining myself first?

COMMITMENT:

This week, I will focus on removing the "log" from my own eye by:

NEXT STEPS:

1. Identify one area where you tend to judge others
2. Pray daily for humility and self-awareness
3. Find an accountability partner to help with your "log removal"
4. Practice extending grace to others as God extends grace to you

Answer Key

Introduction: honest self-examination I. The Command: THRONE, God's, pronounce, restoration Application: Situation, treated, help II. The Condition: BLIDNESS, speck, log, harder, log	III. The Correction: REMOVE, then, promise, compassion Application: Double, standards, myself, harshly, grudges
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The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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