

Matthew 7

7:1-34— Continuation of the “Sermon on the Mount.”

Whereas chapter 5 addressed “personal righteousness,”
and chapter 6 addressed “personal relationships,”
chapter 7 addresses “personal responsibilities.”

7:1-5 – The responsibility to be slow in finding *fault with others.*

The word for “judge” here implies *contempt.*

Jesus’s teaching instructs us to look first *at ourselves.*

7:6 – The responsibility to not waste time and effort on those who are hostile to the gospel.

7:7-11 – The responsibility to pray without ceasing.

7:12 – The responsibility to treat all others lovingly.

7:13-14 – The responsibility to be discerning.

7:15-20 – The responsibility to assess pastors and teachers.

7:21-23 – The responsibility to assess yourself first.

7:24-29 – The responsibility to hold yourself accountable.