

**“JUDGE NOT”**  
**MATTHEW 7:1-6**  
**Sermon on the Mount Series**  
**Satilla Baptist Church**  
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**I. INTRODUCTION**

- a. Review of Sermon on the Mount so far:
  - i. Relationship to ourselves (Beatitudes)
  - ii. Relationship to the World around us (Salt and Light)
  - iii. Relationship to the Word of God (Word of God will last forever, He came not to destroy the Law/Prophets but to fulfill)
  - iv. Relationship to Righteousness (Inward righteousness not just an external one) Murder, Adultery, Divorce, Lying, Kindness to Enemies, Love.
  - v. Relationship to Religious Activity (Praying, Giving, Fasting)
  - vi. Relationship to Material Possessions (Treasure in Heaven vs Treasure on Earth)
- b. Not He comes to our Relationship with Other people.
  - i. Read 7:1-6
- c. What did Jesus mean when He said Judge Not?

**II. WE MUST APPLY WISE DISCRIMINATION**

- a. We often hear people today say, “Who am I to judge?” when discussing some lifestyle or some new religious system. Is that what Jesus meant? That you and I cannot make a discernment if something is right or wrong?
- b. We don’t have to go far to find the answer
  - i. 7:6
    - 1. Logs, Dogs, Hogs.
  - ii. 7:15-26
    - 1. Here we are instructed to make a judgment based on good solid evidence

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- c. Judge with the Right Standard
  - i. *John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.*
- d. Judge with the Right Attitude
  - i. *Galations 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*
- e. Judge with the Right Motives
  - i. *1 Corinthians 5:3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.[b]*
- f. Judge with the Right Authority
  - i. *1 Corinthians 6:6 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to*

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*judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!*

**III. WE MUST AVOID WICKED CONDEMNATION**

- a. Jesus is warning us against judging our brother. But how is that different than discerning good and evil?
- b. Parable in **Luke 18:9-14**
  - i. There are sins of the flesh, and there are sins of the heart. We are often quick to judge the sins of the flesh while being blind to the sins of the heart.
- c. How do we Judge Wrongly?
  - i. Judge Because of our own Wickedness
    - 1. Verse 3-5
    - 2. Woman with dusty glasses.
    - 3. Grandfather with surgery, infection keep wanting them to change the pillow because it stunk, not realizing it was him that was stinking (his infection)
    - 4. You have to be very close to see a spec in someone's eye. Hyper Critical of other people.
    - 5. Buzzard flying over a field.
    - 6. Romans 2:1 *Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?*

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*ii. Judge Because of our own Weakness*

1. We often condemn people because of our jealousy.
  - a. Wealthy person
    - i. Crook
  - b. Attractive person
    - i. Stuck up, Arrogant
  - c. Athletic person
    - i. Take steroids

*iii. Judge Because of Wrong Assumptions*

1. We don't have all the facts.
2. *Romans 14:1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.*
3. Example of women and her bag of cookies at the airport.

*iv. Judge Because of Wrong Motives*

1. *John 3:17* Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save the world.
2. When we confront sin we should confront it in order to save not just to condemn, the world is condemned already.