

Critical Thinking

Matthew 7:1-8, 12-14

The last section of the Sermon on the Mount.
Our relationship to others.

Judge not (v. 1)

Dogs...destruction...false prophets. Is Jesus breaking His own rule?

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

- Judge with love (v. 2)
- Judge with humility (vs. 3-5)
1 Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."
- Judge with courage (vs. 12-15)
- Judge with prayer (vs. 7-11)

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¹“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ²For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³Why do you look at 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,’ and behold, the log is 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.

⁶Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

⁷Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

¹²“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.