

Matthew 25 – Judge Not

Matthew 7:1-6

Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): We hear the scripture “Judge not” thrown into the faces of Christians so often that we fail to heed Jesus message of humility and grace

Main Point 1: Do not judge with a critical spirit

- Though at times called to judge, not with a critical spirit
- “You be not judged”
- There is a difference between forming judgments, which we all do, and sitting over others as a judge, which only Christ is called to do
- Our predominant position is to be one of humility

Main Point 2: Do not judge hypocritically

- Do we hold others to a standard that we do not hold ourselves to?
- **Romans 2:1-3** Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ² We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who do such things. ³ Do you suppose, O man- you who judge those who do such things and yet do them yourself- that you will escape the judgment of God?
- Speck and the log
- How can you possibly hope to perceive the sins of others if you are not constantly focused upon repenting of your own sins?

Main Point 3: Do not judge, until it is time to judge

- **Matthew 7:5** 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.
- There is a time when it is appropriate to judge – that is address the specks of others
 - After you have dealt with your own sin
 - But what is the proper motivation?
- **Matthew 7:6** Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.
 - Sarcasm
 - Hyperbole
 - Analogy, just as you wouldn't give holy things to dogs or pearls to swine
 - There comes a point when it is counterproductive to try to remove specks from the eyes of those who aren't interested in having specks removed