

Kingdom Community

“RE: Justice” - Matthew 7:1-6

Introduction:

I. Don't Judge (vv.1-5)

- A. What's meant by judgment?
 - 1. What it is
 - 2. What it isn't

- B. A Warning (vv.1-2)
 - 1. Do not pronounce judgment
 - 2. Or you will be judged
 - 3. The Heart of this warning is against self-righteousness
 - 4. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can inform our understanding of justice and mercy

- C. Pride kills Perspective (vv.3-4)
 - 1. This requires wisdom
 - 2. Do your feelings betray you?
 - 3. We're a vengeful people
 - 4. What about dealing with certain sins?

- D. Perform eye surgery (v.5)
 - 1. Diagnose yourself according to the Word
 - 2. Remove the log from your eye
 - 3. Help remove the speck from your brother's eye

II. Do Discern (v.6)

- A. "Pearls...holy" things
 - 1. The truth
 - 2. Gospel message

- B. Dogs and swine
 - 1. Scavengers
 - 2. Impure
 - 3. Understand who you're dealing with and deal with them accordingly
 - 4. Be indiscriminate with who all you share with, but be discriminate in how you share with them.

- C. See the gospel clearly
 - 1. Have you noticed all the “sight” language?
 - 2. Keep in mind this is a point in one, long sermon
 - 3. Christ is the judge and will judge all

4. The only righteousness pleasing to God is Christ's

D. See yourself clearly

1. Humility
2. But for the grace of God...better than we deserve

E. See people clearly

1. See them according to the spirit, not flesh
2. **2 Cor.5:16-21**
3. Unbelievers sin and seek self
4. Believers battle sin and seek Christ
5. The gospel is a precious thing before God

Conclusion:

- * To judge others is to place yourself in authority over others. This is the essence of pride and stems from self-righteousness.
- * Judging others shows a lack of understanding of the gospel.
- * You're still accountable for the "speck."
- * Treasure the gospel.