

“Foundations Message Series: Judge Not!”

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Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:1-6 (ESV)

“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see 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,’ when there is the log 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 dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”



“Judge not is one of the most popular verses in our culture because it seems to fit in with two of our culture’s most basic assumptions: that a) religion is private and b) morality is relative, which means that you can’t really tell anybody what they believe is wrong because religion and morality have more to do with preference than truth; so people take this verse out like a deflative weapon whenever you say that something or someone they like is wrong.” – Dr. J.D. Greear

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What Jesus is saying about judging others...

- **Judging others results from the priority of what we are seeking. (Matthew 7:1-2)**

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” – Matthew 6:33

- **Judging others reflects an ignorance of our own sinfulness and God’s response to us. (Matthew 7:3-4)**

“We have a fatal tendency to exaggerate the faults of others and minimize the gravity of our own.”

“When I am talking to someone who is in sin, or in error, I should at the same time be painfully aware that I am infected with the same sinful stuff that they are.” – Dr. J.D. Greear

Romans 5:8... “God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

- **The key to ministering to others and avoiding the sin of condemning people is found in our extreme care and communication of the gospel message. (Matthew 7:5-6)**

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