

## **Who Are You To Judge !?!**

Matthew 7:1-5

Throughout the Sermon on the Mount Jesus clearly describes the difference between what is true and what is false, between true followers of Christ who will be preserved by Him until the end and those who are hypocrites – the self-deceived – who will not ultimately inherit the kingdom of God. The difference? The source of one's **righteousness**.

Outside → In righteousness

Inside → Out righteousness

A 'send-up' of the Pharisee – Matthew 5:20; 6:2, 5, 16; 15:1; 23:1

Those who judge like the Pharisee are wrong (how's that for a judgment?):

### **I. A wrong view of God**

To judge another's motive (read: heart) is to 'play God' –

See *krino* in Romans 14:10-13 and James 4:11-12

**Judge Not!** ? judge: *lit.* to separate, choose, select, determine, etc.

Our Lord is condemning the self-inflated, self-righteous, self-justifying 'judging' of another's heart motive based on a self-created standard.

He is NOT condemning the call on His followers to be discerning good from evil. Check out: Matthew 7:15, 18:15-18; John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 5:11-12, 6:3; Galatians 1:8-9; Philippians 3:2; Titus 3:2,10-11; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 10; 3 John 9.

But rather to interact with one another with humility and a sober judgment that is aware of one's sinfulness. – see parallel passage in Luke 6:36-37.

## **II. A wrong view of others**

Reference: Luke 18:11-14 - The Pharisee and the tax collector  
(see also Matthew 5:20 and the entire Sermon on the Mount!)

Reminder: In order to 'justify yourself' you must condemn another – always.

## **III. A wrong view of themselves**

Which is it - Chicken or Egg? Wrong view of God, others and self  
For certain: the heart is self-deceived. (Jeremiah 17:9; Galatians 6:7;  
James 1:16,22)

Remember 2 Samuel 12:1-7! "You are the man!"

We are born with a hyper-inflated view of ourselves and it only gets worse  
as time goes on...

## **IV. The Gospel is the only answer**

**a. Rightly view God (and His standard)**

**b. Rightly view those around us**

**c. Rightly view ourselves**