

## Messiah on Judging Others (Matthew 7:1-6)

Introduction: *“Judge not ...”* One of the most misunderstood verses in Scripture

The danger of holiness and righteousness – two ditches on the highway of holiness  
**hypocrisy** (chapter 6) & **judgmentalism** (chapter 7)

*“Judge not”* is a serious command with serious consequences for disobeying (vss 1-5)

What the verse does *not* mean – misapplication of Matthew 7:1

What kind of judgment *is* being forbidden?

1. unmerciful, harsh, uncaring judgment that lacks sympathy

Romans 2:4

The older brother in the parable of the prodigal son

2. critical or condemnatory judgment

*“faults are thick where love is thin”*

3. a judgment that usurps God’s authority or pretends to know His verdict

James 4:10-12

4. a judgment that underestimates the magnitude of one’s own sin and overestimates the magnitude of others’ sin

Matthew 7:3-5 (logs and specks)

Such judgment lays the ground work for you own judgment by God

How can we be delivered from our propensity to judge?

While not judging, you do need to be discerning (Matthew 7:6)

Be discerning in what you say, and whom you say it to

Conclusion: A very practical teaching for our age

*“Brutality”* vs. *“civility”*

Judgmentalism is mortified as we remember that our sins have been judged in Christ