

**The Kingdom and Its Ethic, Part 6**  
**Seeing Ourselves Properly**  
**Matthew 7:1-12**

- I. Self-Righteous Hypocrites (1-5)
  - A. We are called upon to call others into account
  - B. The danger: we don't hold ourselves in proper account
  - C. The solution
    - 1. An examined life
    - 2. Open to external accountability
- II. Lacking in Discretion and Wisdom (6)
  - A. We are to do spiritual good to others
  - B. The danger: we don't properly evaluate those we give spiritual treasure to
  - C. The solution: seek the wisdom and example of Jesus in the distribution of spiritual treasure
- III. Self-Beneficially Evil (7-11)
  - A. We ought to ask for the blessings of God in our lives
  - B. The danger: we wrongly think God will only love and bless us the way we selfishly love and bless others
  - C. The solution: Allow the incarnational reality of Jesus to transform our lives
- IV. Needing External Guidance for Sound Living (12)
  - A. We are called upon to treat others well, as image-bearers of God
  - B. The danger: we only understand how we feel and what would benefit us
  - C. The solution: receive the gracious kindness of God to meet us in our immaturity