

## **THE WARNING ABOUT JUDGING OTHERS** (Matthew 7:1-6)

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we will begin our study on the last Chapter of the Sermon On The Mount. In this message we will study – Judging Others.

- “<sup>4</sup> Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

Let’s review the Warning About Judging Others with the following points:

- I. **THE COMMAND: “JUDGE NOT”** (vv. 1-2; Heb 5:12-14; Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1; 1 Cor 5:1-6)
  - A. “Judge Not” (v. 1a)
  - B. “... That Ye Be Not Judged ...” (vv. 1b – 2; Gal 6:7; Matt 7:12; Eph 4:31-32)
- II. **THE PROBLEM: HYPOCRITICAL JUDGMENT** (vv. 3-5a)
  - A. “Why Beholdest Thou The Beam That Is In Thy Brother’s Eye” (v. 3a; Rom 2:1)
  - B. “But Considerest Not The Beam That Is In Thine Own Eye?” (v. 3b)
  - C. The Hypocrisy of Judging Others (v. 4, 5a)
  - D. Do Not Judge Others With A Self-Righteous Spirit (Luke 18:9-14; Eph 4:29)
- III. **THE SOLUTION: SELF-EXAMINATION AND REPENTANCE** (vv. 5b-6)
  - A. Hold Introspection (v. 5)
  - B. Introspection before part-taking Communion (1 Cor 11:28, 31-32)
  - C. We Are To Judge Righteously (John 7:24; Jer 17:9)
  - D. Avoid making judgments based on half-truths, hear-say, or rumors (James 1:19-20)
  - E. **Use Constructive Criticism**  
**T-H-I-N-K Before You Speak**  
T – Is it TRUE? - H – Is it HELPFUL? - I – Is it INSPIRING?  
N – Is it NECESSARY? - K – Is it KIND?

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. The Warning About Judging Others – Judge Righteously, Avoid Hypocritical Judgment, and Apply Self-Examination and Repentance.
- B. “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- C. D.L. Moody said, “I have more trouble with D.L. Moody than with any other man I’ve ever met.”
- D. Are you prepared for the judgment of God? **The Lord will be the final Judge.**
- E. ABC’s of Salvation (Rom 3:23; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 10:9-13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)