

## Kingdom Citizens –The Sermon on the Mount-Lesson 16

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*“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. --Matthew 7:1-6*

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### Day 1—Verse 1

*“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. --Matthew 7:1*

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1. Define judge. Who will we be judged by?
  - a. What does judgment show us about the character of God?
  
2. How is this verse most commonly used in our culture?

3. From Matthew 23:1-7, 23-28, how do you think the Pharisees judged others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How do verses such as 1 Samuel 16:7 and John 7:24 help us to better understand what this passage is teaching?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is Jesus commanding us to do in this verse?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What does self-righteous judgment show us about one's character? See Luke 18:11-12.
  - a. What is our view of God, others, and ourselves when we do this?

**Heart check:**

- Do you judge others rightly?
- What is the attitude of your heart when you judge others? Is there a need for repentance in your life in this area?

**Day 2—Verse 2**

*For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. --Matthew 7:2*

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1. What happens to us when we wrongly judge others?
2. What wrong standards might we use to judge others today?
3. Can we separate orthodoxy (right doctrine) from orthopraxy (right conduct)? Why or why not?

4. How does Romans 2:1-3 help you understand this verse?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the heart attitude of the person who judges others in this way?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Why does this behavior place us as the final judge?
  - a. Why is judging in this way a perversion of justice?

**Heart Check:**

- Are you critical of others?
- Do you find faults in others so you can see them as beneath you and you as superior to them in some way?

### Day 3—Verses 3-4

*Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? --Matthew 7: 3-4*

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1. What is the point that Jesus is making here?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What sin is the log meant to represent?
  - a. What sin is the speck meant to represent?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How good are we at seeing our own sin? Why do you think that is?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why is it so much easier for us to see the sin in others than it is to see the sin in our own lives?

5. Someone who is constantly “speck inspecting” is someone who generally has a critical spirit. What is a critical spirit and how does it express itself in an individual's life, their heart towards others, and their heart towards the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What are the characteristics of a judgmental person?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. If you had a huge log in your eye and you were constantly looking for specks in others' eyes, what would you be doing with your log?

**Heart check:**

- Are you quicker to see the sin in others than to see your own sin? Ask God to help you have a gracious heart.
- Are you critical towards others?
- Do you tear others down in your thoughts or build them up?

## Day 4—Verse 5

*You 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. --Matthew 7:5*

1. Define hypocrite. How does God view hypocrisy? Use Scripture to support your answer.
2. How might we take the log out of our own eye?
3. How might we help a brother or sister to take the speck out of their eye?
  - a. From Galatians 6:1, what must be our heart when we deal with sin in another?
4. How might we be hypocritical in our judgment of others?

- a. Why is self-righteous hypocrisy such a blinding sin?
5. How does Matthew 5:3-12 help us when it comes to applying this passage?
6. From this verse, is Jesus condemning judging?
7. In your own words summarize Matthew 7:1-5.

**Heart check:**

- Are you honest when you are hypocritical in your judgment of others?



## Day 5—Verse 6

*“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces. --Matthew 7:6*

1. What is the connection between this verse and verses 1-5?
2. How might we give holy things to dogs or pearls to pigs?
3. Why are we not to do these things?
4. How does Matthew 10:14 connect to this passage?
5. What do these verses teach us about discernment?
  - a. Romans 12:2

b. Philippians 1:9-10

c. Hebrews 5:14

d. James 1:5

e. 1 John 4:1

6. How might this verse apply to evangelism?

7. How might this verse apply to our interactions with others on-line?

**Dig Deeper:**

1. Listen to John MacArthur on this section: <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/2250/stop-criticizing>