

## Summer At One Hope Part 9: Judge Not?

(Matthew 7:1-2 ESV) "**Judge not, that you be not judged.** For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."

(Matthew 7:3-5 ESV) "Why do you see 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,' when there is the log in your own eye? 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."

### ✓ We see hypocrisy as someone else's issue.

(Romans 3:23 ESV) "For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God."

### ✓ We see ourselves through our intentions but everyone else through their actions.

(1 Samuel 16:7 NLT) "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by **outward appearance**, but the Lord looks at the **heart**."

### ✓ We allow envy to cloud our judgement.

(James 3:16 NIV) "For where you have **envy** and **selfish ambition**, there you find disorder and every evil practice."

### ✓ We misunderstand judging and judgement.

(Matthew 7:15-20 ESV) "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **You will recognize them by their fruits.** Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus **you will recognize them by their fruits.**"

## Judge Not?

(John 7:24 ESV) "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with **right judgment**."

### 1. Don't be a hypocrite; get the log out of your own eye first. Do discern between right and wrong.

(Matthew 7:6 ESV) "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

### 2. Don't pass judgement; that's God's job. Do unto other as you would have them do unto you.

(Matthew 7:12 ESV) "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

(James 2:13 ESV) "For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment**."

### 3. Don't envy; envy only leads to poor judgement. Do ask God for what you want.

(Matthew 7:7-8 ESV) "**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

### 4. Don't justify your own sin; only God can justify. Do get to know Jesus.

(Romans 3:24, 26 ESV) "[We] are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... so that He might be just and **the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus."

(Matthew 7:21-23 ESV) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, '**I never knew you**; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"