



“Do Not Judge”
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“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.”

And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

Don’t waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don’t throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.”
(Jesus) Matthew 7:1-6 (NLT)

People who know nothing about Jesus or Christianity can often give you one quote: “Do not judge or you will be judged.” Why is this a quote so many know? Because our culture is very uncomfortable being judged or having their behavior questioned.

Questions:

- Have you ever been judged based on rumor or half-truth?
- Have you been judged based on the color of your skin or the clothes you were wearing?
- Have you been the target of prejudice?

NOW, ANSWER THIS QUESTION: Have you ever done the same thing to anyone else?

What does Jesus mean when He warns us about making judgements about other people?

1. GUARD AGAINST DEVELOPING A _____.

“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.”
Matthew 7:1-2 (NLT)

2. DEAL WITH _____.

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Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)

3. PRAY FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO _____ IN LOVE.

These notes and today's message are the product of numerous sources – biblical study, theological books, biblical commentaries, devotional materials, sermons, and illustrative material gathered or emailed to me. References are not always verbally stated. If you would like a particular reference, I'm happy to supply it. One of the sources is *Ten Things I Wish Jesus Never Said* by Victor Kuligin.

ANSWER KEY:

- 1. Guard against developing a CRITICAL ATTITUDE.**
- 2. Deal with MY OWN SIN FIRST.**
- 3. Pray for the right time to SPEAK TRUTH IN LOVE.**