

Sermon on the Mount

Judging

Points to Consider

1. The Do's
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The Do's

Matt 7:5 *Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

1. We must judge _____. What we need to do is examine our own lives and _____ sin.

It is so easy for us to look at the small sins of others while _____ our major shortcomings.

Matt 5:20 *For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Jesus is _____ the scribes and Pharisees throughout the entire sermon.

We must be able to judge our own _____ to make sure it exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.

We must be able to judge ourselves to assure we are not being _____.

We must be able to judge if we are treating our _____ the right way.

We must be able to judge our _____ when giving, fasting, and praying.

Matt 16:11-12 *How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? — but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.*

We are to be able to judge the _____ of other people.

2 Cor 13:5-6 *Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified. 6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.*

We are to _____ ourselves to make sure we are "in the faith."

1 Cor 9:24-27 *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats*

the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Paul constantly _____ himself so he did not have a beam in his eye while trying to help others remove a speck.
We must all develop the ability to honestly evaluate our own lives _____ we evaluate the lives of others.

2. We must _____ the speck from our brother's eye.

Matt 18:15-17 *Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.*

We are to _____ if a brother has sinned against us.
Others are solicited to be _____ in matters of sin.

Gal 6:1-2 *Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.*

We must be able to judge when a brother is overtaken in a trespass.
We must consider ourselves first, and go in a spirit of _____.
Gentleness is one of the beatitudes and should characterize all Christians.
Jesus also tells us to be _____. This will require us to use good judgment.

John 7:23-24 *If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? 24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."*

As Christians we must be able to judge with _____ judgment.

The Don'ts

Matt 7:1 *Judge not, that you be not judged. ... 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?*

1. Don't judge a brother _____ judging yourself.

Rom 2:1-4 *Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?*

2. Don't judge someone if you are doing the _____ thing.

Examples

Luke 18:9-12 *Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men — extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'*

Pharisees were often willing to judge themselves _____ than others.

John 8:7-11 *So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

We are not to condemn people, but rather _____ them. (Show them the way of salvation)

Matt 7:6 *Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

3. Do not give holy things to those _____ to accept them.

The Consequences

Matt 7:2-3 *For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

God will judge us in the same way we judge others.

God's judgment will be _____. Jesus is not saying that if we overlook sin that God will overlook sin. Remember, we need to help others get the specks out of their eyes.

Heb 4:14-16 *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Jesus judges with _____ for our weaknesses.

Matt 6:14-15 *For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

We must grant forgiveness in order to get forgiveness.

Matt 5:7 *Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.*

We must judge with _____.