

Unforgettable: The Words of Jesus... about Judging

Matthew 7:1-5

The English translation for “judge” encompasses 2 primary

Greek ideas used in the New Testament:

κρίνω To Condemn, to pass judgment on, to speak unfavorably about.

ἀνακρίνω To Discern, to question or examine.

Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 7:1-5 summarized with two phrases...

- **Bad judging prohibited**
- **Good judgement practiced**

Matthew 7:5-6; Matthew 7:15-16; Matthew 18:15; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 23:25-28

What type of judging is prohibited? Self-righteous (hyper critical) judging! *Matthew 7:3-5; Luke 6:37; Romans 2:1*

Good judgement practiced

Matthew 7:5 – “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.”

1 Corinthians 2:15-16; 1 Corinthians 14:20; Luke 23:14; Acts 17:11; Ephesians 4:15-16; Hebrews 3:13-15

Jesus frees us from the burden of bad judging. He alone is the righteous judge. *John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Hebrews 10:30; James 4:12; Revelation 20:13*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

Matthew 6:5-8

Matthew 6:9-13

Matthew 6:14-18

Matthew 7:7-11

Matthew 9:37-38

Matthew 18:19-20

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. Share an experience where you have been judged in an unhealthy way? How did it make you feel?
2. When have you been guilty of this type of judgement?
3. Considering the cross of Christ, what sins has He forgiven you that you have failed to forgive others for?
4. In what ways can you practice discernment on a daily basis and still be loving?