

The Disciples And Judging Others

Matthew 7:1-5

Intro:

- A. **This is an oft quoted scripture.**
 - 1. It is used to express one's independence.
 - 2. It is used to justify one's failures.
 - 3. It is used to excuse one's sins.
 - 4. It is used to forbid the condemnation of one's theological irregularities.
- B. **The Bible teaches us to judge.**
 - 1. The church is to judge its membership. 1 Corinthians 5:12
 - 2. We are to judge things pertaining to this life. 1 Corinthians 6:1-5
 - 3. We are to use righteous judgment. John 7:24
- C. **These scriptures do not forbid judgment.**
 - 1. They warn us against using a wrong standard.
 - 2. They warn us against hypocrisy.

I. The Warning Of Jesus Against Judging Incorrectly.

- A. **"Judge not, that ye be not judged." V.1**
 - 1. judge = κρινω = to divide, to separate, "to make a distinction," "to come to a decision"
 - 2. Stop making bad decisions about people for the criteria you used, they will use to make an uninformed decision about you.
- B. **"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: v.2**
 - 1. "For you will be judged by the standard you judge by" - Gspd
 - 2. Your rule will become their rule.
- C. **"...and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."**
 - 1. measure = μετρον = "a measure or a rule"
 - 2. "And the amount you give will be the amount you get."

II. The Warning Of Jesus Against Hypocrisy.

- A. **"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye"? v.3**
1. "How is it that you can see..."
 2. mote = καρφος = any small dry particle, chaff, wood, straw, dust.
 3. considerest = κατανοω = "to perceive or to discern distinctly or clearly"
 4. beam = δοκος = "a beam or a rafter"
- B. **"Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye"? v.4**
1. pull out = εκβαλλω = "take out," "extract"
 2. "On what grounds will you say..."
- C. **"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye: and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." V.5**
1. see clearly = διαβλεπω = "throughout"
 2. "you pretender"!