

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY— SESSION 10  
SERMON ON THE MOUNT  
Homework for Matthew 7:1-6 — Stop Judging But Be Discerning  
SYS 2/26/25      EWH 3/05/25

REVIEW (Mat 6:19-34) *"...Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.... Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."*  
*Matthew 6:20-21, 33 excerpts*

Session 9 focuses on adjusting the believer's great life priority from the corruptible treasures of the world to supreme devotion to God. Verse 25-34 provides a cure to the anxieties ironically produced when a person gives his energy to chase wealth. "Anxiety is one of the sad symptoms of slavery to mammon" Charles Quarles; *Sermon on the Mount*; pg. 258).

OUTLINE: STOP JUDGING BUT BE DISCERNING (Mat 7:1-6)

- > Judge Not... Who Is the Judge? (7:1)
- > A Faulty View of Others (7:2)
- > A Faulty View of Ourselves (7:3- 5a)
- > Right Judgement (7:5b-6)

INTRODUCTION (7:1-6) Session 10 returns to the topic of hypocrisy that Jesus addressed in Matthew 6. The word hypocrite appears 3 times in chapter 6 and then again in 7:5. It is reasonable then to understand that the *judgment verses* in Mat 7:1-6 address hypocrisy. "The hypocrites focus on present reward rather than future reward betrayed a perverted set of priorities that promoted materialism and anxiety. Thus Jesus addresses these two ills associated with hypocrisy and now treats another symptom of it: hypocritical judgment." (Charles Quarles; *Sermon on the Mount*; pg. 283).

READ Matthew 7:1-6

QUESTIONS

1. Many would say that Matthew 7:1, "Judge not," means that no one, including Christians, should ever judge anyone. What reason do people give for thinking that no one should judge others?
2. How would you say a person given to judgmentalism usurps God's role?
3. Review the following verses and explain how they instruct believers regarding judging a person's behavior.
  - > Matthew 18:15ff:
  - > John 7:24:
  - > Galatians 1:8-9:

> Galatians 6:1:

> 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

> 1 Corinthians 6:1-6:

> Titus 3:10-11:

> 2 John 1:10-11:

4. How does John 7:24 help us to understand Matthew 7:1-2?

5. How do you see the repetitive theme of focusing on the inner attitude of heart rather than outward behavior fit with Jesus' admonition to get the log out of your eye before you can take care of the speck in a brother's eye?

6. The idea of removing a "*speck*" from the eye of someone is a delicate task. What is Jesus trying to say when he says to take the log out first?

7. In Matthew 6:2, 5, and 16, Jesus described a hypocrite to be someone who does works of righteousness to be seen by others. How does Jesus expand the meaning of the term "*hypocrite*" by His teaching on judgmentalism?

8. What is the difference between "judging rightly" and being "judgmental" toward others?

9. Look up the word "*speck*" and "*log*" in Blue Letter Bible from Matthew 7:3. Write out the definitions, then explain the comparison Jesus was making in this illustration.