

Lunch Time Bible Study  
**God With Us**  
A Study of Matthew: "True Judgement"  
Matthew 7:1-6

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*Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? (Matthew 7:3)*

**I. Before You Judge**

- a. "Judge" (*krino*, Grk) as mentioned in the text is a term used to form a final legal decisions and reaching conclusions about things and people.
- b. The word itself is not negative, but when used in criticizing other people's failings is wrong.
- c. We should not pass judgement on other's motives.
  1. We should *examine* their actions/attitudes, but we cannot judge their motives, for only God can see their hearts.
- d. After we have examined ourselves, what judgement does Jesus allow?
  1. We must uphold the judicial process of the courts. (Romans 13)
  2. We must discern and react to the immoral based on God's Word, not human opinion.
- e. Nowhere in the Bible did Jesus say to leave sin neglected in the lives of those around us.
- f. We are not to accuse a brother/sister, but neither are we to excuse a brother/sister.

**II. Trivial and Tremendous**

- a. Jesus used the illustration of the eye to teach us how to have a spiritual outlook on life.
- b. A speck and a log represent those who judge the *trivial* in others while neglecting the *tremendous* in their own lives. This is hypocrisy. (**III. Contrast the sawdust & log**)
- c. The Pharisees saw the sin in other people, but they would not look at their own sins.
- d. The Pharisees "played God" and "rulers of righteousness" as they condemned other people but they did not consider that God would one day judge them.
- e. As we judge, so we shall be judged. Remember Haman was hanged on the gallows he created for the Jews. Seek God before you speak. Then when you speak, speak love.
- f. We must avoid two extremes in the area of spiritual self-examination:
  1. Sometimes we are so sure of ourselves that we fail to examine hearts honestly and thoroughly.
  2. We can get so wrapped up in self-examination that we become discouraged and defeated.

**III. But, Be a Little Critical**

- a. Christians must exercise "judgement", because not everyone is a sheep. Some people are dogs, hogs and some are *wolves in sheep's clothing*.
- b. God's people are privileged to handle the "holy things" of God. God's Word is holy treasure.
- c. It is true that we must carry the Gospel to every nation, but the world may not respect your treasure.
- d. Some people live on the moral level of dogs and hogs. Scavenger dogs can't appreciate the food you throw to them. Hogs would think that pearls were peas and they walk all over their food.
- e. There is a time for speaking holy things. (Jesus, Luke 23:9; Paul, Acts 13:44-49)
- f. There is even a time to shake the dust off your feet and go on to others who will respect the holy treasure you have to offer.

**IV. Thoughts and Considerations for Action**

- a. Beloved remember God has delegated the final word in all things to Jesus, who is the True Judge.
- b. If you have been generous, you will find generosity. If you have been harshly critical, you will be meticulously examined by Jesus.
- c. Moral discrimination is necessary. Condemning one another is not.
- d. Mercy should never be used to conceal sin. It is possible for a ministry to be a device to cover up sin, if those involved are living in hypocrisy.