

**Attitude Check**  
**The Heart Attitude of Grace**  
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*"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? 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. "Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you." Matthew 7:1-6 NLT*

**Matthew 7:1 Is Often Misunderstood**

Because people seek to apply this teaching through the lens of our \_\_\_\_\_ — instead of through the lens of a biblical world view.

Our culture today hates the thought of absolutes — and especially moral absolutes — and having such a simplistic understanding of this passage provides an easy way to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.

**Key Thought of the Day**

Jesus is warning his followers to avoid self-righteous, unmerciful and prejudiced judgement based upon \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding.

**Why Self-Righteous Judging Is Wrong**

1. Self-Righteous judging gives the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Matthew 7:1 NLT*

*It is God alone who judges; he decides who will rise and who will fall. Psalm 75:7 NLT*

When we judge another persons \_\_\_\_\_ we are playing God.

**Reality Check**

God always judges \_\_\_\_\_!

*Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. Revelation 19:11 NLT*

**Why Self-Righteous Judging Is Wrong**

2. Self-Righteous judging gives us the wrong view of \_\_\_\_\_.

*For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. Matthew 7:2 NLT*

The reason most people judge others in this fashion is because they somehow feel more \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

### **The Real Problem**

This type of judging \_\_\_\_\_ how God feels about people.

*John 8:1-11 NLT*

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### **The Application**

When I stand before Jesus I want to be extended \_\_\_\_\_... not judgement... and He expects us to do the \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

### **Reality Check**

Our actions and attitudes can either point people toward Jesus or cause them to \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus.

### **Why Self-Righteous Judging Is Wrong**

3. Self-Righteous judging gives us the wrong view of \_\_\_\_\_.  
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When we judge others it distorts our perspective of ourselves, because it makes us think that we are better than \_\_\_\_\_!

*"What if we were as outraged about our own sin as we are about the sins of others?" Christopher Yuan*

*I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. Revelation 20:12*

Jesus is not saying that we cannot use \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don't throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you. Matthew 7:6 NLT*

*Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Matthew 7:15-16 NLT*

### **The Bottom Line**

Jesus isn't saying that we should just let everything and anything go... Instead He is saying... be careful of developing a \_\_\_\_\_.