

DO NOT JUDGE

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³“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”

— Matthew 7:3–5 (NIV)



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 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Jesus gave a well-known teaching in Matthew that is known as the Beatitudes.
- He taught His disciples what it looks like to be citizens of His kingdom: making right judgments, having right relationships, and being true disciples.
- Judging rightly means assessing with self-awareness and humility.
 - We can help each other walk in God's ways.
 - Before we correct others, we must first check ourselves.
- Right relationships start with knowing God is a Father who gives us good things we don't even deserve.
- The state of our hearts will show in our fruit—our speech, thoughts, and actions. If we are citizens of God's kingdom, we will bear good fruit. Not only that, we will actually do the will of God.
- As we live in a right way, we will grow in our relationship with God and others.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- Have you ever been critical of another person? How can you grow the habit of first checking yourself?
- Our speech, thoughts, and actions show our character. Do you feel that you have been displaying good fruit? What are some of your words, thoughts, or actions that might not show good fruit?

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray to be refreshed in your experience of God as a good Father.
- Pray to grow in the habit of examining your own heart and ways before being critical of others.
- Pray to make right judgments, have right relationships, bear good fruit, and do God's will, as befits a citizen of His kingdom.

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7“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

— Matthew 7:7–8 (NIV)

18“A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. . . . 20Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”

— Matthew 7:18, 20 (NIV)