

IS THE BEAM BLURRING YOUR JUDGMENT?
[Discerning the Right & Wrong Kind of Judging]
(Matthew 7:1-6)

A. The PROHIBITION Against Judging... “Judge not” (7:1a)

1. The *context* of this passage is ... Jesus Christ teaching _____
to a mixed audience (Matthew 5-7) explaining the _____ of Christ’s Messianic
_____ and true _____ (Matt. 5:1-3, 17-20, 6:10).

* Can we apply this sermon to church-age believers? If so, what must we remember?

2. The *contrast* of this passage is that Christ’s teaching is in stark contrast to the teaching and
practice of the _____ and _____. (Matthew 5:20)

3. The *content* of this verse begins with ... “Judge not...”

* What does this not mean? This does not forbid ...

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error. However, in this context ‘krino’ carries the idea of a _____
_____.

* present, active, imperative

4. The *clarification* of this prohibition ... “Judge not...” - The Bible does not prohibit all
_____. (Luke 7:43; 1 Cor.2:15; Heb.5:14).

The Scriptures teach that...

- a. for believers it is necessary to _____ judge and evaluate. (John 7:24;
Luke 7:41-43; 1 Cor. 2:15-16; Phil.1:8-9)
- b. the believer is mandated to exercise _____ and make
_____ judgments on the basis of _____.
(1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Jn 4:1; Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 5; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Matt. 7:6, 15)
- c. the believer needs to righteously judge and principally evaluate in such areas as ...
- (1) _____ and his _____. (1 Cor. 11:31-32; 1 Jon.1:9; Prov.28:13)
- (2) _____ and biblical _____. (Rom.12:1-2; Tit.2:11-12)
- (3) one’s use of Christian _____. (Rom. 14:13)
- (4) who he/she will _____ with and _____ from. (Rom. 16:17-18;
2 Cor. 6:14-18; Titus 3:10-11; 2 John 6-10; 3 John 5-8)

- What do we need to keep in mind about righteous judging? (Prov.18:13, 17; James 2:1-4; 1Cor. 4:1-5)
 - 1) Make sure that you have the _____ . (Prov.18:13, 17)
 - 2) Make sure not to show _____ . (James 2:1-4)
 - 3) Make sure not to judge _____ . (1 Cor. 4:1-5)
- What do we need to remember about “judgment calls” in a marriage, job, or local church?

B. The PROBLEMS with Wrongful Judging. (7:1b-2)

1. Wrongful judging fails to recognize that you are not _____; in fact you will be _____ by God. (7:1b; John 5:25-30; Rom.14:4; 1 Cor.4:3-5)

- In what ways will the believer be “judged ”?
 - 1) He will _____ be judged like the unsaved at the Great White Throne judgment.
 - 2) He will be judged in time by way of loving _____, and then later regarding possible _____ after the Rapture at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2. Wrongful judging fails to remember that if you know the standard well enough to _____, you then know it well enough to _____ . (7:2)

3. Wrongful judging fails to realize the _____ and _____ that characterizes such wrongful judgments. (7:3-5a)

C. The PROPER SOLUTION to Wrongful Judging. (7:5)

1. You need to _____ by judging _____ and your _____ . (7:5b)

2. Next if needed, you could _____ a fellow-believer with his _____ . (7:5c)

D. The PRINCIPLED BALANCE to Wrongful Judging. (7:6)

With verses 1-5 in mind, you still must...

1. seek to wisely discern who are the _____ and the _____ . (7:6a)

2. not give what is _____ to them or cast your _____ before them. (7:6b)

* How does all of apply to you – as a believer?

* How does all of apply to you – as an unbeliever?