

Sermon on the Mount

# MATTHEW 7:1-6

the speck & the plank



We were created to love one another in truth

And to help each other know God and live the  
life he wants for us



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General rules for how we treat each another:

**Love one another** – 22 times in the NT

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you love one another.”

John 13:34



General rules for how we treat each another:

**Love one another**

**Speak the truth in love**

“Speaking the truth in love .... let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another”

Ephesians 4:15,25



General rules for how we treat each another:

**Love one another**

**Speak the truth in love**

**Treat others the way you want to be treated**

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do you,  
do also to them.”

Matthew 7:12



General rules for how we treat each another:

**Love one another**

**Speak the truth in love**

**Treat others the way you want to be treated**

**Don't judge each other**



# JUDGE NOT

## A warning against pride

(Believing you're better than someone else)

- Speak evil of them
- Assume their motives
- Despise them
- Condemn them
- Take justice into your own hands





“You are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.”

Romans 2:1-2



# JUDGE NOT

## A recognition of human nature

- It's easier to see others' faults than my own
- People will generally treat you the way you treat them



# JUDGE NOT

- You don't know the whole story
- .... It's not your job



# JUDGE NOT ... it's God's job

“God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” Romans 2:16

“Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts.” 1 Corinthians 4:5



# JUDGE NOT ... it's God's job

“I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

Revelation 20:12



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IT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S  
JOB TO CONVICT, GOD'S  
JOB TO JUDGE, AND  
MY JOB TO *love*

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# THE SPECK & THE PLANK

## 2 facts:

- There is a speck in my brother's eye
- There is a plank in my eye

## 2 actions:

- I need to remove the plank first
- Then help my brother with the speck



# THE SPECK & THE PLANK

The plank in my eye

Is sin, and sin is a big deal

It distorts my view

I've probably gotten used to it

But it can & should be removed





# THE SPECK & THE PLANK

The speck in my brother's eye

This is gentle, delicate business

Know a speck when you see one

Be willing to get up close, personal and messy



# THE SPECK & THE PLANK

The speck in my brother's eye

## NOT HELPFUL:

Condemning my brother for having a speck

Ignoring the problem

Accepting or affirming the speck



If anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20



# THE SPECK & THE PLANK

The speck in my brother's eye

Three things must guide speck removal:

LOVE

TRUTH

TRUST



# PEARLS & SWINE



He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.

Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you.  
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

Give instruction to a wise man and he will be still wiser; teach a just man and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 9:7-9



# PEARLS & SWINE

You're not responsible for anyone else's actions or their outcomes

You are responsible for what you say and what you do in the moments God gives you

Trust God with the rest



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