

Splinters and Logs, Pigs and Dogs

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Matthew 7:1-6

- I. Two assumptions:
 - A. You're trying to help (or at least you think so).
 - B. Everybody's a critic.

- II. Judge Not (verses 1-2)
 - A. When you criticize others, you invite the same kind of criticism, so be careful!
 - B. Possible ways to interpret "judge not:"
 - 1. "you can't ever tell someone that what they're doing or saying is wrong" (Luke 24:44; John 7:24)
 - 2. "don't try to judge someone else's intentions" (Augustine; Hebrews 4:12)
 - 3. "you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39; James 2:12-13)

- III. The Splinter and the Log (verses 3-5)
 - A. You have much bigger problems than you realize.
 - B. Your problems make you unable to see clearly.
 - C. What to do: fix yourself (then maybe you can help others). (Galatians 6:1; 1 Timothy 4:15; 5:8)

- IV. Look Out for Dogs and Pigs (verse 6)
 - A. Some people won't listen anyway.
 - B. Jesus' warning (Matthew 10:11-15; Psalm 8:5)
 - C. Keep your mouth shut, and wait for God to deal with them. (Proverbs 5:12-14; Psalm 22:20; John 15:20; Romans 6:8)