

The Christian and Judging His Brother
Matthew 7:1-5

A. The Condemnation of a Judgmental Spirit

1. What Jesus is not condemning:

a. He is not forbidding moral judgments concerning right/wrong, truth/error

b. He is not forbidding moral judgments about people- 7:6,15

- Jesus elsewhere- Matt. 5:20, 6:2,5,16; Matt. 15:1ff, 23:1ff.

- Jesus' Apostles- Gal 1:8-9; Phil. 3:2; Phil. 3:18-19; 1 Thess. 2:14-15; 1 Tim. 1:6-7; Titus 1:12; 2 John 10; 3 John 9

- Evangelism- Matt. 28:19; Luke 19:10

c. He is not forbidding certain judgments made about Christians

- 1 Cor. 6:5

- 1 Cor. 5:12

2. What Jesus is condemning: *A judgmental, censorious spirit*

a. Its root is self-righteousness- Luke 18:9-12

b. Its nature is often hypocritical- 7:3-4

c. Its manner is often harsh, unmerciful, unloving- Luke 6:36-37

- Titus 3:2; Gal. 6:1; James 3:17

d. Its focus is often misguided- Romans 14:1-5,10,13

e. Its disposition is often contemptuous- Rom. 14:3,10; Luke 18:11b

f. Its authority is presumptuous- 1 Cor. 4:3-3; Rom 14:4

B. The Motivation to Avoid a Judgmental Spirit

1. We are to be judged- 7:1

2. We set the standard for our own judgment- 7:2

3. We are unfit to judge- 7:3-4

C. The Correction of a Judgmental Spirit- 7:5

1. Look first at our own sins and faults

2. Look foremost at our own sins and faults

3. Judge most fiercely our own sins and faults

4. Keep focus on the great mercy and grace of God shown to us!

