

Specks, Planks and Hypocrites

Sermon on the Mount - Matthew 7:1-6

INTRODUCTION

DO NOT BE THE JUDGE AND JURY (vs. 1)

Other verses used: John 8:2-8; Luke 11:37-44; 18:9-14; John 7:24; Matthew 7:15-20;
Jude 1:3; Colossians 2:8; 1 John 4:1; Matthew 18:15; Leviticus 19:15; Hebrews 5:14

Six reasons why people judge and condemn others:

1. Criticism increases their sense of self-worth
2. Criticism seems very enjoyable
3. Criticism makes them feel superior to others who have fallen or failed
4. Criticism makes us feel justified in our poor decisions
5. Criticism is an attempt to get others to believe that we are without sin
6. Criticism is a way to transfer our own hurt and revenge to others

WHEN YOU JUDGE ... (vs. 2)

Place yourself as the one being judged!

WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE (vs. 3-5)

*First take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly
to take the speck out of your brother's eye.*

Other verses used: 1 Timothy 1:15; Ephesians 4:32; Galatians 6:1-2

WHEN YOU JUDGE BE WATCHFUL AND DISCERNING (vs. 6)

*Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs,
lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.*

Other verses used: John 15:18-21; 2 Timothy 3:1-5