

Part #4 – Fact or Fiction: Judge Not Lest Thee Be Judged

Matthew 7:1-5

# **Series Summary**

The phrase "The Bible says..." has been used many times over the years to promote or teach subjects that sounded Biblical but are far from accurate. This series will confront some of the myths that our culture has become convinced are true. Our goal is to arm you with the Truth of God's Word and tackle common myths about God and His Word such as (1) All roads lead to heaven, (2) God helps those who helps themselves, (3) God simply wants you to be happy, and much more.

#### **Theme Passage**

**John 14:6** – Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

#### Main Passage

**Matthew 7:1-6 –** <sup>1</sup>Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup>"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.

#### Big Idea – God has Called You to Discern Wisely and Righteously

#### Three Marks of the "UnChristian"

### Mark #1 - Unmerciful: Moved with the Wrong Motives

**Matthew 7:1-2 –** <sup>1</sup>Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

■ **Key Point** – The first mark that we examine is discovered in verses 1-2. It is within these verses that we observe that the "UnChristian" attitude is found to be "Unmerciful" and motivated by desires of the flesh versus a desire to please the Lord.

## Mark #2 - Unloving: Lacks the Right Love

**Matthew 7:3-4 –** <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

■ **Key Point** – The second mark that we examine is discovered in verses 3-4. It is within these verses that we observe that the "UnChristian" attitude is found to be "Unloving." We observe that these individuals love their own pleasure more than the Lord and serving others.

#### Mark #3 – Unfaithful: Battles the Right Balance

**Matthew 7:5-6 –** <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye. <sup>6</sup>"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.

■ **Key Point** – The final mark that we examine is discovered in verses 5-6. It is within these verses that we observe that the "UnChristian" attitude is found to be "Unfaithful." Simply stated, these individuals are more focused on being faithful to their own will versus that of the Lord.

#### **Memory Verse**

**John 7:24** (ESV) – Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.

### **Challenge:**

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others discover more about Jesus this week by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday Morning Service
- Asking others how you could pray for them