



The **King's Manifesto**

The Sermon on the Mount

Week 13: Matthew 7:1-6

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In Matthew 7:1-5, Jesus teaches what to do and what not to do when we think a brother or sister in Christ has said or done something wrong.

Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 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? 4 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? 5 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.

Matthew 7:1-5

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“Nothing is so common as to judge too favorably or too unfavorably from merely looking at the outward appearance of things. We are apt to form hasty opinions of others, either for good or evil, on very insufficient grounds. We pronounce some men to be good and others to be bad, some to be godly and others to be ungodly, without anything but appearance to aid our decision.” -J.C. Ryle

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3. Judging by a man-made standard that differs from God's.

Therefore, you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Romans 2:1-2

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Matthew 7:5

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Matthew 5:23-24

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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The aim of Jesus' instruction is that both parties remember that they are sinners, and therefore examine their own hearts and motives first in order to meet the other and say, "What I said or what I did was wrong, and I'm asking for your forgiveness."

"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.

Matthew 7:6

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46