



“Judge Not...”

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- I. **Matthew 7:1-5**
 - A. The Law
 1. With what measure you meet....
 2. What you dish out will come back to you (The law of sowing and reaping).
 3. Many of the judgments/ailments and problems that people deal with on a daily basis is because of their judgments they have placed on others.
 - B. The Balance and Understanding
 1. We have a right to judge....
 - By the Spirit of God / By God’s Word (Judge Sickness, Immorality, What is Right and What is Wrong).
 - When we have the proper motive and are without blame ourselves.
 2. *Some people think they are God’s gift to judge and correct others!*
 3. Focus on your growth in God....Think of how Great God’s Mercy and Grace is toward you before you judge others (inwardly and outwardly).
 - If you ask the Lord to reveal to you when you are being judgmental, you may find that it is more often than you thought.
 - Your words are with power – **Ephesians 4:29-30**
- II. Focus on Doing Good....And Your Healing Will Remain
 - A. **Isaiah 58:6-12**
 1. In order to hear from God, you must be willing to find His Presence (The power of the “Fasted” Life.
 2. The yoke...
 - Pointing your finger in judgment and speaking vanity
 - *Interpretation: “If you quit blaming people, quit gossiping and judging other people and their sins; If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out...your lives will be changed forever.”*
 - B. Be Quick to Hear...
 1. **James 1:19**
 2. **Proverbs 17:28** *“Even a fool when he holds his peace is counted wise...”*
 3. **Proverbs 18:13** *“He that answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.”* (we bring judgment on ourselves).