

## Matthew 7:1-6 **Commandments of Jesus concerning – Judging Others**

1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye. 6 Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Commandments of Jesus regarding Judging Others

- ‡ Do not judge.
  - ✧ That you be not judged.
  - ✧ The judgment you use in judging others is the same measure by which you will be judged.
  
- ✧ The command not to judge is not an all inclusive command.
  - ✧ We are commanded to judge messages that come our way so that we will be able to discern if the message is from God or from another source. [[1 Corinthians 10:14-15, 11:13, 14:29](#)]
  - ✧ We are also commanded to make right judgment concerning right and wrong. [[Luke 12:57, John 7:24](#)]
  - ✧ We are also expected to use discernment which requires judgment. [[Philippians 1:9, Hebrews 5:14](#)]
- ✧ Jesus gives us an illustration of what He is referring to, and that is to be critical and condemning of others for trifling matters when we ourselves are guilty of greater errors.
- ✧ The vicious tongue that criticizes another for their clothing or hair style or other minor supposed social inferiority, does not edify anyone and is unacceptable to God.
- ‡ First remove the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck out of your brother's eye.
  - ✧ In other words, clean up your own life before you attempt to help someone else with theirs.
  - ✧ Avoid undue criticism of others which leads to strife and destroys relationships.
- ‡ Do not give what is holy to dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine.
  - ✧ Lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and tear you to pieces.
  - ✧ Here we are clearly expected to use judgment to discern the nature of the one to whom we are attempting to give the precious things of God.
  - ✧ If he does not have a heart to be receptive to godly things, he may respond with a vicious attack against the one ministering the holy truths of God. Thus it would not be of benefit to either one, and may endanger the giver.