

Matthew Study

Chapter 7

Judging Others

NAS95 Mat 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

Mat 7:2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

Mat 7:4 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

Mat 7:5 "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.

Mat 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

1. Why is it so important not to judge others? Does this apply to brethren, the world or both?
2. Why does our Lord use such a dramatic example in verses 3-5?
3. Who are the dogs and swine referred to in verses 5-6? Why is the use of such terms not being Judgmental?

Ask, and It Will Be Given

Mat 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Mat 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Mat 7:9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?

Mat 7:10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

Mat 7:11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

4. I heard a preacher admonish the children in his audience to pray if they wanted a new bicycle. Is that consistent with what Jesus is teaching here?
5. Is this lesson consistent with James 4:3? How do they fit together?

The Golden Rule

Mat 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Mat 7:13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

Mat 7:14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

6. What does Jesus mean in verse 12, "this is the Law and the Prophets?"
7. Why does Jesus say the way to life is narrow and few find it? Doesn't that sound discouraging?
8. Why are so many headed toward destruction?

A Tree and Its Fruit

Mat 7:15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Mat 7:16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?

Mat 7:17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

Mat 7:18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Mat 7:19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

9. Is this passage useful in distinguishing truth from error?