

Mt.7.1-6 “To Judge or not to Judge” part 2
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Krinō (to **judge**) means to evaluate fairly in this context.

Jesus is referring to the judgment of **motives**.

One must choose how to live in **relation** to others – _____

The difference between judging & condemning is learning to distinguish **moral** discernment from **personal** condemnation.

What Jesus here forbids is self-righteous, hasty, unmerciful, prejudiced, & unwarranted condemnation based on **human** standards & **human** understanding.

He gives 3 reasons why such judgment is sinful: it reveals a wrong view of God, a wrong view of others, & a wrong view of ourselves.

I. A WRONG VIEW OF GOD v.1

Whenever we judge in this way, we exercise a role that only **God** is qualified to make.

The Savior calls for men to **renounce** the presumptuous temptation to try to be God.

II. WRONG VIEW OF OTHERS v. 2

Mere **human** standards fall far short of God’s holy & perfect law.

In **criticizing** unjustly or **condemning** unmercifully, we play God & _____

III. WRONG VIEW OF OURSELVES vv.3–5a

When we have a **wrong** view of **God**, we cannot but have a **wrong** view of **others** & of ourselves.

A **speck** is **not** an **insignificant** object to have in the eye.

Jesus’ comparison is between a sin that is **large** & one that is **gigantic**.

The wretched & gross sin that is always blind to its own sinfulness is **self-righteousness**.

Self-righteousness is a sin of blindness – it **imagines** it sees only righteousness.

The very nature of self-righteousness is to justify self & condemn others.

People play **God**, because they judge themselves on the basis of their own standards & wisdom.

Self-righteousness is the worst of sins because it is **unbelief**.

It trusts in **self** rather than God.

It trusts in self to determine what is **right** & **wrong**

Self-righteousness claims to be both law**giver** & judge,

Consequently, it denies & opposes the **Gospel**, because the Gospel proclaims man’s sinfulness & lostness even as it proclaims God’s mercy & grace.

CONCLUSION:

Thus, the self-righteous person can never be anything but a **hypocrite**, _____ (Ja.1.23–24).

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