

DO NOT JUDGE

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Matthew 7: 1-6

Refuse to be a critic full of bias toward others, and judgment will not be passed on you. For you'll be judged by the same standard that you've used to judge others. The measurement you use on them will be used on you. Why would you focus on the flaw in someone else's life and yet fail to notice the glaring flaws of your own? How could you say to your friend, 'Let me show you where you're wrong,' when you're guilty of even more? You're being hypercritical and a hypocrite! First, acknowledge your own 'blind spots' and deal with them, and then you'll be capable of dealing with the 'blind spot' of your friend.

Who would hang earrings on a dog's ear or throw pearls in front of wild pigs? They'll only trample them under their feet and then turn around and tear you to pieces!

*Criticism leaves you with the flattering unction that you are a superior person. It is impossible to develop the characteristics of a saint and maintain a critical attitude.
-Oswald Chambers

*Judgment that is an evaluation of facts is healthy.
Judgment that condemns, based on perceptions, is unhealthy.

1. Reasons not to judge:
 - a. Judgment reaps judgment.
 - b. Limited Information
2. How to judge:
 - a. Righteously
 - b. Right heart-motive
3. The judgment that Jesus is condemning:
 - a. Hypercritical judgment
 - b. "Speck" judging
4. "Do not judge" is not a statement that condemns all types of judgment.
 - a. Judicial judgments
 - b. Fruit judgments
 - c. Moral judgments
 - d. Self judgments
