

***Don't Judge
But Be Discerning***



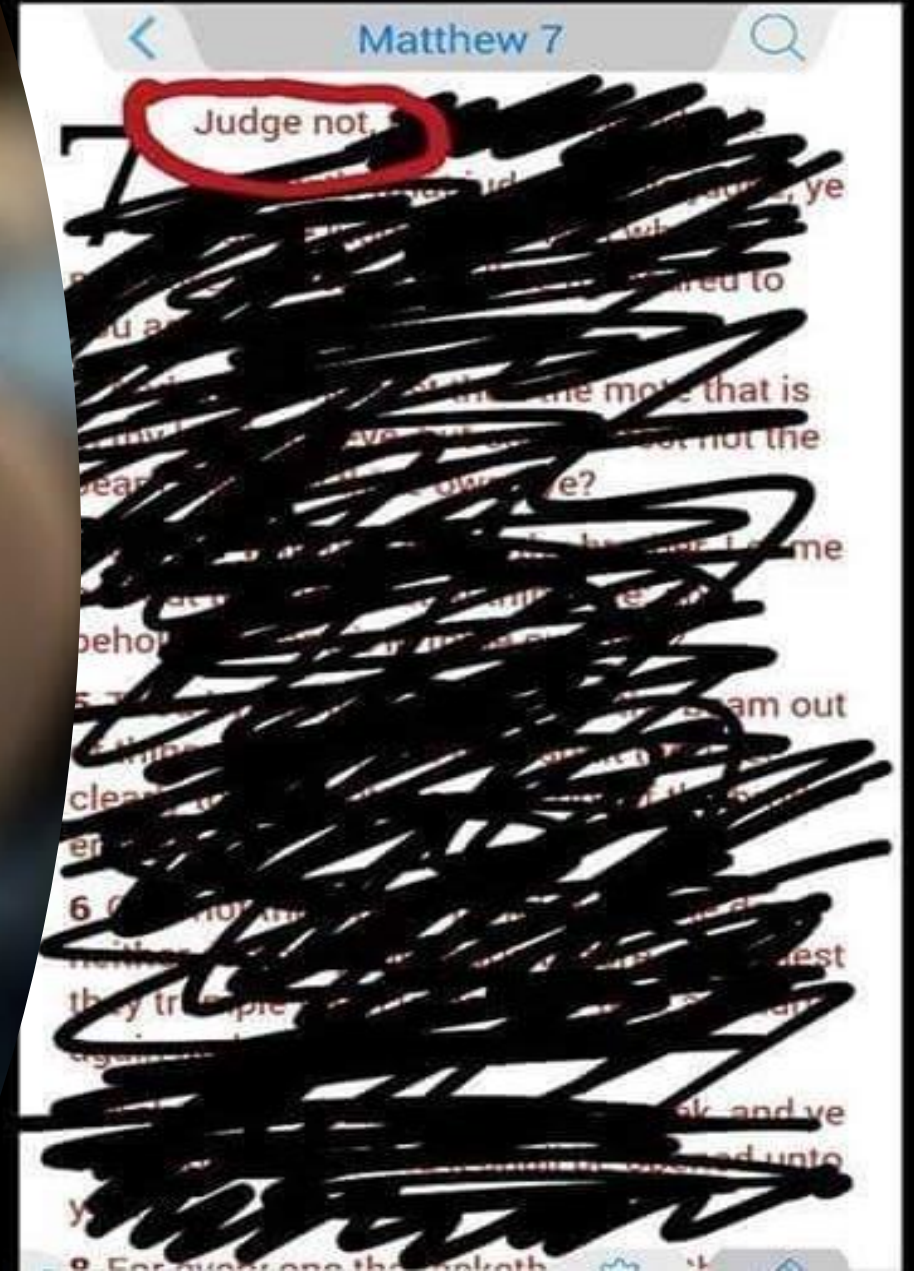
Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:1-6

Extra-ordinary Relationships

REALLY?

'Do not judge, or you too will be judged.'



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³ 'Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?



4 How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 ‘Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.



A close-up photograph of a hand with the index finger pointing towards the text. The hand is slightly out of focus, and the background is a blurred blue and white.

Do Not Judge

*or you too will
be judged.*

***Not to judge
anyone or
anything
in our life?***

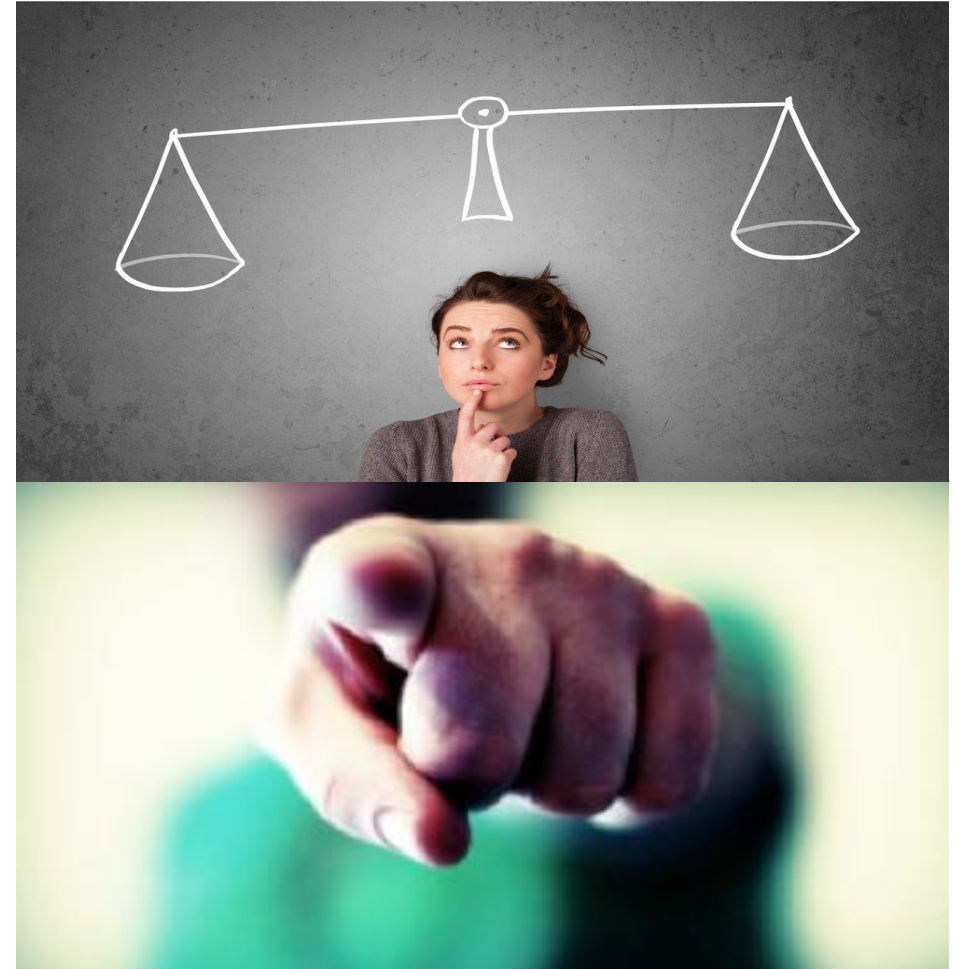
Certainly Not!
Moral Judgment

What does it mean not to judge?

Gk word *To judge*, '*krino*' means
*'to discern, judicially appraise,
estimate, or to be judgmental
to condemn with critical spirit'*

**Don't be judgmental with
condemning critical spirit**

Self-righteous Judgments



We are to be
Gracious and Generous!

**Aim for Encouragement and
Building Up of Others**

Kingdom Disciples
True inner righteousness of God

Beatitude People



Grace Living



How can we judge then?

² For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Use Right Measures

Be Compassionate

Temper Justice with Mercy

Aim for Restoration

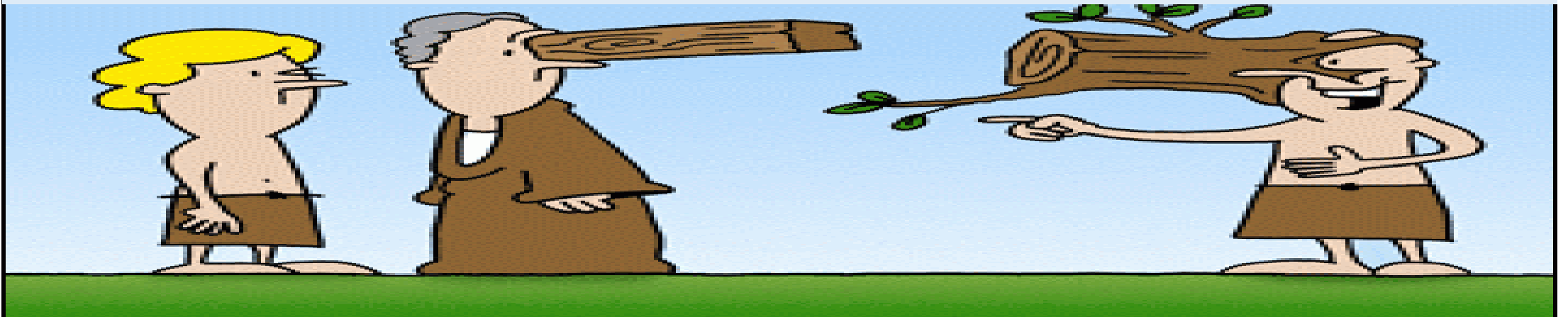
God is the Ultimate Judge



Examine Ourselves First!

³ ‘Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?’

Easy to see the wrong of others



(See Matthew 7:1-5)

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HAH HAH, YOU JUST TOLD HIM THAT HE HAS A SPLINTER IN HIS EYE, AND YOU HAVE A BEAM IN YOURS

King David and prophet Nathan

2 Samuel 12:1-7

**Wife stealer
vs. sheep stealer**

“You are the man!”



Don't be a hypocrite, an actor!

⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.



**Get our eyesight
restored first!**

Be Discerning!

***6 'Do not give dogs what is sacred;
do not throw your pearls to pigs.***

Danger of being indiscriminating

Good things can become deadly

***If you do, they may trample them under
their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.***

***Don't force wonderful things
even wisdom and truth upon
people who are not ready for it***



**It may backfire & do
more harm than good**

**When Jesus knows
Peter will betray him**

Luke 22:32

*But I have prayed for you, Simon,
that your faith may not fail.*

*And when you have turned back,
strengthen your brothers.'*



**Live the Kingdom Life of
Extraordinary Love Relationships**

***Don't Be Judgmental
But Be Discerning***

**Live with His Peace and Joy
Build up each other with love**



**Always exercise judgment
with wisdom and love**

1 Peter 4:7-8

*The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert
and of sober mind so that you may pray.*

*⁸ Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

Grace and Truth

A photograph of a crowd of people, likely in a church, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is a bright, hazy light, possibly from a window or stage lighting. The text "Grace and Truth" is overlaid in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Love above all else

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



Keep in step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:25-26

***25** Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

***26** Let us not become conceited,
provoking and envying each other.*

How can we do so?

Prayer and the Golden Rule

