

SERMON NOTE: Becoming A Contagious Church-Don't Judge But Be Discerning

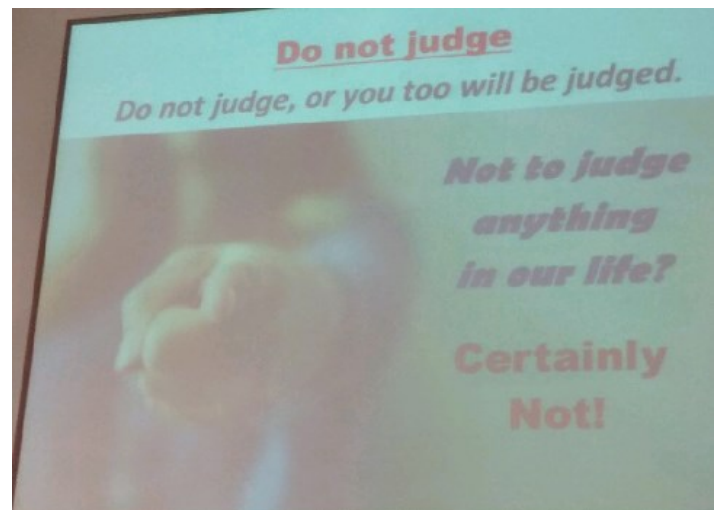
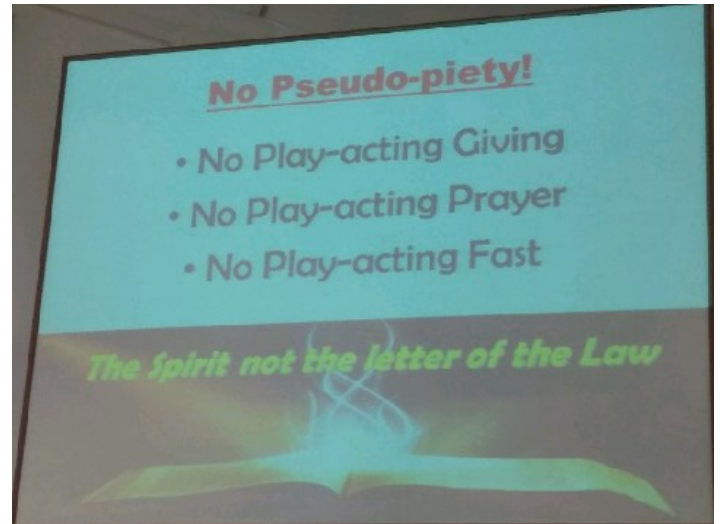


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Bible Ref: Matthew 7:1-12 NIV

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. “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? 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? 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. “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. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.7.1-12.NIV>

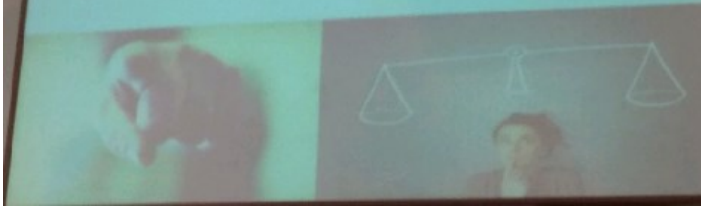


What does it mean not to judge?

Greek word 'To judge', 'krinō' can mean
'to discern, judicially appraise, estimate, or
to be judgmental to condemn with critical spirit'

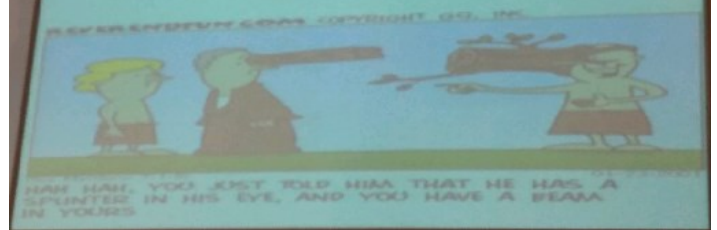
It all comes down to Attitude

Don't be judgmental but be Generous



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?



Always easy to see the wrong of others, but NOT or own.

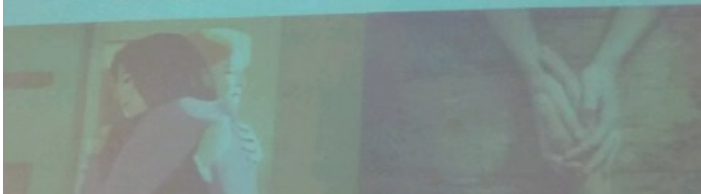
Healing and Restoration

5th petition of the Lord's Prayer

"Forgive us our trespasses even as we also forgive those who trespass against us."

'To judge' is the opposite of 'to forgive'

We are to be forgiving!



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!

Beatitude People

A forgiven person is a forgiving person

Kingdom Disciples

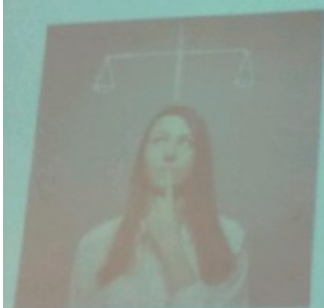
True inner righteousness of God

vs. false external self-righteousness



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.



**The Manner
Two Measures:
Justice and Mercy**

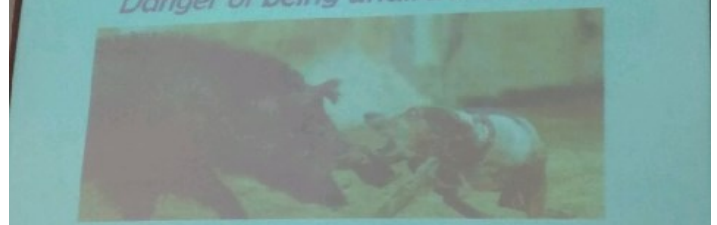
**Temper
Justice with
Mercy**

Be Discerning!

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.'

Good things can become deadly

Danger of being indiscriminating



Do it at the right time with watchfulness in a gentle way

Matthew 10:16

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.



Keep in step with the Spirit

Galatian: 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



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



Live the Kingdom Life of Extraordinary Love Relationships

"Forgive others as the Lord forgives us"

**Don't Judge
But Be Discerning**

**Live with Peace
Comfort and Strength**



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.

