

“Judge Not”

What Not to Do Sermon Series

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“The world is full of people who claim the right to be extremely vocal in criticism and extremely exempt from action.” – William Barclay

Intro: Matthew’s Gospel speaks to the “post-E_____” church. Jewish tradition contains exhortation to moderation, toleration, and mercy. But, the Greek word κρινω (*krino*) is without parallel as a _____ prohibition. Do not “c_____” or be “c_____ of” Jesus says. Because _____ final judgment is near, and may be tonight.

I. Do NOT Judge = Don’t size me up and w_____ me off.
Do not judge, or _____ too will be judged. Matthew 7:1
How do you want to be judged? _____ Matthew 7:2
We judge because we are j_____
We judge because we are s_____ -righteous (ignorant).
Matthew 7:3, Why look at the s_____ in their eye?
So that I don’t have to d_____ with what’s in mine.
Matt 7:4, How can you? The answer: N_____ well!
Jesus says, “You h_____”: *“Somebody who is more fascinated, interested in, preoccupied with _____ other people than _____ themselves.” – Andy Stanley*
The Lesson: Mind your _____ business!

II. Don’t put a period where God puts a c_____. *“You hypocrite, f_____ take the p_____ out of your own eye, and _____ you will see c_____ to r_____ the speck...”* 7:5
First, we must be aware of our own f_____ and God’s f_____, then we can help. Matthew 7:15-17
“Following Jesus _____ ends with ‘What’s in it for me?’”
“Judge not but do not stop there.” - Andy Stanley

III. L_____ One Another. Judge Not does NOT equate to:
C_____ not, a_____ not, react not or mind my own business.
L_____ forbids me to size you up and write you _____.
L_____ forbids me to size you up and walk _____. Matt 18:15

Action Steps for Three Audiences:

1. You size people up and write them off. R_____
2. You size people up and walk away. C_____
3. You’ve been sized up, but you refuse to listen. L_____!



Matthew 7: 1-2, 12-14, 28-29 (NRSV)

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

