# Sermon

Who Are We To Judge? Matthew 7:1-7

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"Living For the One Who Branded Us...Jesus"

## **INTRODUCTION:**

**C. S. Lewis:** "If Christianity is true why are not all Christians obviously nicer than non-Christians? ... When Christians behave badly, or fail to behave well, we are making Christianity unbelievable to the outside world." (Mere Christianity, b3, ch10)

### Signs of being judgmental

- 1. You rate others based on their appearance
- 2. You constantly gossip about others
- 3. You form opinions of others based off what people say
- 4. You assume people are lying without evidence
- 5. You rate people based off the people they hang out with
- 6. You leave no room for mistakes or forgiveness
- 7. You are disgusted with people who disagree with you
- 8. You maintain a negative outlook or mood
- 9. You always take other peoples inventory<sup>1</sup>

#### Matthew 7:1-7

"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 then turn and tear you to pieces."