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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.

Matthew 7:1-6 (NIV)

1. BE CAREFUL HOW YOU JUDGE.

Watch out for false Prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles. Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Matthew 7:15-16 (NIV)

Judge - To pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong or to pronounce judgement.

For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **Matthew 7:2 (NIV)**

Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly. **John 7:24 (NIV)**

Ways We Struggle With Judging Others Incorrectly

1. Superficial Judgement

2. Hypocritical Judgement

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgement do the same things.

Romans 2:1 (NIV)

3. Harsh Unforgiving Judgement

Always be gentle towards everyone. **Titus 3:2 (NIV)**

It is the merciful who will be shown mercy. **Matthew 5:7**

4. Self-Righteous Judgement

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. **Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)**

2. START WITH ME.

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Begin with Prayer

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)**

Confess my sin

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9 (NIV)**

Share my sin

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **James 5:16 (NIV)**

Die to my flesh

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **Luke 9:23 (ESV)**

Live out the truth

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22 (NIV)**

3. GIVE THE GOOD STUFF TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

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. **Matthew 7:6 (NIV)**

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)