

Sermon Outline

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October 18, 2026

“Proper & Improper Judging”
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Matthew 7:1-6

Introduction

1. Improper Judging and Its Consequences (vv. 1-2)

- A. Not *all* judging is wrong (vv. 6, 15; John 7:24)
- B. Do not judge (v. 1a) = do not judge *harshly*
 - i. Don’t “play Jonah” (Jonah 3:10-4:3)
- C. Harsh judgment invites God’s judgment of us (vv. 1b-2)
 - i. God is Judge (Romans 14:10; James 4:12)
 - ii. The certainty of God’s judgment if Jesus words are not obeyed (v. 2; Matt. 5:7; 6:14-15)

2. Improper Judging Illustrated (vv. 3-4)

- A. Pointing out “the speck” in others, while...
- B. Ignoring “the plank” in ourselves.

3. Proper Judging (v. 5)

- A. “The speck” still matters and must be addressed (Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:12)
- B. But first, remove “the plank” from our own eye
- C. Then, remove “the speck” from our brother or sister (Gal. 6:1)

4. Do Not Judge Harshly, but Be Discerning (v. 6)

- A. There are people (like the vicious “dogs and pigs” of Jesus’ day) that are viciously opposed to the gospel message
- B. Do not be quick to “move on” with the gospel, but be discerning and do so if someone repeatedly and adamantly rejects the gospel (Matt. 10:14)

Take Action

- Assess your tendency to judge others harshly:
- *7 Signs That You’re “Judging” Others* - J.D. Greear

<https://jdgreear.com/7-signs-that-youre-judging-others/>

1. You are more enraged at someone else’s sin than you are embarrassed by your own.
2. You refuse to forgive (or when you forgive you refuse to forget)
3. You “cut off” those who disagree with you.
4. You gossip.
5. You refuse to receive criticism.
6. You refuse to correct someone’s position.
7. You write someone off as hopeless.

What’s Next?

- October 25, “*Ask Our Generous God*” – Matthew 7:7-12, Pastor Corey Kugle
- November 1, “*Only Two Ways*” – Matthew 7:13-14, Pastor Corey Kugle