

Judging Others

Matthew 7:1 – 6

I. Introduction

II. Sinful Judging Is Unacceptable for Those Who Have Received Mercy Instead of Judgment

A. The seriousness of sinful judging

sinful judging – “looking for others’ faults, and without valid and sufficient reasons, forming unfavorable opinions of their qualities, words, actions, and motives.”

- Ken Sande

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

1 Corinthians 5:3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

Matthew 12:22 – 24 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, “Can this be the Son of David?” But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons.”

James 4:12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

charitable judgment – “out of love you strive to believe the best about others until you have the facts to prove otherwise.” – Ken Sande

B. The heart of sinful judging

Luke 6:37 “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven...”

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

III. Conclusion