

How to Treat Others

Matthew 7:1-6

As Christians, how we view and treat others speak volumes about our faith in the true and living God. Another way to defend our faith in this world, is by avoiding a judgmental attitude when others make mistakes. In a portion of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shares the errors we make when we judge others by our own standards. Do you struggle with a judgmental attitude? Ask God to reveal the error of your ways and give you the power to show the same grace and mercy He shows us every day.

“Don’t criticize one another, brothers and sisters. Anyone who defames or judges a fellow believer defames and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?” -James 4:11-12

Three Mistakes of a Judgmental Spirit

- **Wrong View of God (v. 1)**
- **Wrong View of Others (v. 2)**
- **Wrong View of Ourselves (v. 3-5)**

Application:

- ✓ When you are tempted to criticize anyone, examine your own conduct and motives first.
- ✓ As you pray, ask God to deliver you from having a critical spirit towards others. Pray for an open and understanding heart regarding your own faults.

Meditate on the following verses: Luke 6:37; Romans 2:1; 14:10-13; James 2:13

“So don’t judge anything prematurely, before the Lord comes, who will both bring to light what is hidden in darkness and reveal the intentions of the hearts. And then praise will come to each one from God.” -1 Corinthians 4:5