



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - January 12, 2025

## The Prohibition Against HYPOCRITICAL JUDGEMENT Matthew 7:1-5

### I. The Prohibition – 7:1

A. Prohibited Judgement

B. Perilous Judgement

### II. The Explanation – 7:2

A. Your Attitude of Judgment CONDEMNS

## B. Your Assumption of Judgement CONDEMNS

### III. The Illustration – 7:3-4

A. Precision Focus

B. Protruding Pride

### IV. The Correction – 7:5

A. Time for a good cry

B. Time for a new perspective

C. Time for a new freedom

*Life Group Study Notes*  
*The Prohibition of Hypocritical Judgment*  
*Matthew 7:1-5*

1. Being critical and judgmental is somewhat of an epidemic in our culture. Give an example of this.
2. Do you tend to give yourself more grace than those around you? How do you see this within your own life?
3. Jesus tells us clearly to not judge. What do you think He is prohibiting and how does the context of the passage help us?
4. What is the danger of judging according to verse 1? Who will be judged by, and how impactful could that judgement be?
5. Jesus says that "the way" in which we judge is the standard by which we are judged. List some of the ways we can judge inappropriately. Which of these (Surface, Hypocritical, Unforgiving, etc.) poses a problem for you? Why?
6. How does the presumption that we are sufficient to judge others place us in a very dangerous position with God? What exactly are we presuming when we leave His standard of judgement and insert our own?
7. The focus of Christ's illustration of the speck and the log is to make us see how our hypocritical judgment is revealed. How is it that we can find fault so easily and be so blind to our own?

8. How does hypocritical judgement endanger us and make us useless as brothers and sisters in Christ?

9. What action do you need to take as a result of this study?