

Are You a Disciple?

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

Matthew 7:1-6

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Introduction:

- Right now, we are in unusual times, but there is a blessing here, as well.
 - **1st John 4:18**
 - **Matthew 7:1-6**
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1. Do Not Judge:

- a. **Matthew 7:1-2**
- b. Greek – **Krino** ... English – Judge ... *“To judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment ... to judge as guilty with condemnation.”*
- c. **John 8:3-11**
- d. Why do we tend to judge others? There are SIX basic reasons:
 - i. It boosts our self-Image:
 - ii. It is enjoyable:
 - iii. It makes us feel better than the person who failed:
 - iv. It helps us justify our decisions:
 - v. It shows our spiritual strength:
 - vi. It is an outlet for hurt and revenge:
- e. **Matthew 18:21-35 – The Unmerciful Servant**
- f. Greek – **Krino** ... English – Judge ... *“To judge a person to be guilty and liable to punishment ... to judge as guilty with condemnation.”*
- g. **Matthew 7:1-2**
- h. I know that there is some young person hearing this and thinking to themselves ... *“Why, that is what my dad and mom do to me all the time! They are constantly telling me what I am doing wrong and picking on me!”*
- i. And if you are thinking that way ... I want you to know that you could not be more wrong.
- j. **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**
- k. Greek – **Didaskalia** (*Dee-Dosk-Aleah*) ... English – Training ... *“To provide instruction in a formal or informal setting.”*
- l. Greek – **Elegmos** ... English – Rebuke ... *“To state that someone has done wrong, with evidence that the wrongdoing was committed.”*
- m. Greek – **Epanorthosis** (*Epa-Nor-Tho-Seas*)... English – Correcting ... *“To help someone become correct from a condition of fault or failure.”*
- n. **Matthew 7:1-2**

2. Sawdust vs. Plank:

- a. Greek – **Karpnos** (*Car-Rose*) ... English – Sawdust ... “*Small shavings or particles of wood.*”
- b. Greek – **Dokos** (*Dough-Koes*) ... English – Plank ... “*A heavy think board ... A Beam.*”
- c. **Psalm 45:7**
- d. **Proverbs 6:16-19**
- e. **Proverbs 11:1**
- f. **Amos 5:21**
- g. **Amos 6:8**
- h. **Romans 1:18-32**
- i. Since mankind tends to measure by severity of the sin, as opposed to the Divine Legality of the sin, we can often make ourselves feel better when in our mind we are NOT guilty of the BIG sins, but only the little ones. This is a critical mistake.
- j. Greek – **Hypokrites** ... English – Hypocrite ... “*One who pretends to be something else they are not ... One who wears two faces.*”
- k. **James 2:8-13**

3. Save Your Pearls:

- a. **Matthew 7:6**
- b. **2nd Peter 2:21-22**
- c. **Matthew 13:45-46**