

THE
UPSIDE DOWN
KINGDOM

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

APRIL 26 – JULY 5

The Golden Rule

Matthew 7:1-12

“Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

12 So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:1-12 (ESV)



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Condemning Judgment

vs.

Discerning Judgment



Condemning judgment is prideful and hypocritical. It puts us in the place of God, who judges hearts. It looks down on others.



Discerning judgment is wise, necessary, and objective. It looks at behavior without judging the heart.


Do not judge by appearances, but judge with
right judgment.

John 7:24

Call #2, Verses 7-11

A call to depend on our Heavenly
Father

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Call #3, Verse 12

A call to proactive empathy

You shall not take vengeance or bear a
grudge against the sons of your own people,
but you shall love your neighbor as
yourself: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:18

Three Calls

A call to humble, fair judgment

A call to depend on our Heavenly Father

A call to proactive empathy

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset or sunrise sky. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a deep orange and red at the bottom. There are numerous small, wispy clouds scattered throughout, catching the light of the sun. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Humility