

On Judging

Matthew 7:1-6 [Page 1505]

When it's right and when it's wrong to judge. [1-2]

The word Jesus uses for judge [krino] means to _____,
_____, or _____

1. It's wrong for us to judge the _____ and
_____ of others.
2. It's not our place to pronounce _____
on anyone.
3. It's right for us to live as _____ and _____ in
our _____. [Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Cor. 5:9-13]
4. It's our duty to _____ Christian brothers and
sisters _____ in _____. [Gal. 6:1]

Yank the plank from your own eye. [3-5]

Pearls and pigs. [6]

"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." [Col. 4:5-6]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever been in a house threatened by a natural disaster? What happened?

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 7:1-6

1. This chapter continues to reveal the attitudes and actions “kingdom people” are to have. What connection is Jesus making between the faults we notice in others and our own problems?
2. What is Jesus stressing about God in this passage?
3. The word Jesus used for judge can be translated to avenge, conclude, or condemn. In what ways can we judge in this way? How can we stop, as Jesus tells us to stop?

4. A healthy sense of judgment is caring enough to confront a Christian brother or sister who is caught in a transgression or sin. Read Galatians 6:1-5. How are we to judge and confront fellow believers in a way that seeks their good?

5. Consider the illustration Jesus gives about a plank in our own eyes. How can we yank that plank from our lives?

Taking it Home:

1. Do you have a critical and judgmental spirit? Confess it to the Lord. Ask for His forgiveness. Pray for the Lord to soften your heart.

Prayer Concerns: