

Judging Others

“Judge not” in Matthew 7:1 does not forbid all judging, for the teaching Jesus gives in the rest of Matthew 7 demands judging! However, there are some good instructions to heed in Matthew 7:1-5:

- *A Simple Caution (Matthew 7:1-2)* -- We should not unjustly judge others because we will have the same rule applied to us.
- *A Simple Condition (Matthew 7:3-4)* -- We tend to want to correct others without considering our own faults.
- *A Simple Cure (Matthew 7:5)* -- By first amending our own faults, we can correct the faults of others and not be hypocrites

Don't be afraid to judge righteously (John 7:24), for your soul may depend upon it! But don't judge someone by a standard you are unwilling to live by yourself!

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