

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 16—
Matthew 7:1-5—An Often Quoted but Misquoted Passage! (Judge Not!)

1. (a) What do you think the main point is of Matthew 7:1-5? (b) Why do you think Jesus uses the human eye as He teaches on the importance of not judging others?
2. Memorize Matthew 7:5.
3. (a) In what ways is judging condemned in Romans chapter 2? (b) How does Romans 2 correlate with what Jesus says in Matthew 7:1-5?
4. (a) How do you reconcile Matthew 7:1-5 which forbids judging others with the following passages that give us freedom to judge others? Leviticus 19:17, 18; Matthew 18:15-17; John 7:21-24; Romans 16:17, 18; 1 Corinthians 5:9-12; Titus 3:9-11; 1 John 4:1-3.
5. (a) Read 2 Samuel 11-12:15. Who needed to get “the beam out of their own eye so that they could see clearly”? (b) Psalm 51 was written after the account in 2 Samuel 11 and 12. What verses indicate that David could now see clearly to help others? (c) How do these passages encourage you to obey what Jesus says in Matthew 7:3-5?
6. (a) Who else needed to get “the beam out of their eye” before judging others in Genesis 38:12-26 and John 8:1-12. (b) What are some common ways we judge others while all the while we are guilty of the same thing? (c) Why is it imperative as parents to make sure we are not practicing this form of hypocrisy before our children?
7. (a) In what ways should we as God’s children avoid judging others? (b) In what things should we judge others? Support your answers with Scripture. (c) What are some common ways that Matthew 7:1-5 has been misused as it pertains to judging others?
8. In what ways do you wrongly judge others? Please put your need in the form of a prayer request.