



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



The Judgmental Heart

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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.”



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Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness,
who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.



Hebrews 5:12–14

¹² Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God's revelation again. You need milk, not solid food. ¹³ Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil.



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Matthew 18:17; 1 Corinthians 5:11–13



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¹¹ I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler...

¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



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As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.



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1 Timothy 5:20

As for those [leaders] who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.



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- **The church is told to judge false teaching.**
2 Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6; 1 John 4:1



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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.



2. A critical spirit is sinful (7:1–2)

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James 4:12

There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?



James 5:9

Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.



Luke 6:37–38

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”



James 2:13

For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.



Romans 14:4, 10, 12

⁴ Who are you to judge another's household servant? Before his own Lord he stands or falls. And he will stand, because the Lord is able to make him stand... ¹⁰ But you, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God... ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.



3. A judgmental spirit blinds us (7:3–4)

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? ⁵ You hypocrite!”



John 9:39–41

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”



The Speck and the Log

Matthew 7:1–5

Other People <i>(we judge)</i>	Ourselves <i>(we ignore)</i>
surface blemishes	deep faults
personality quirks	character flaws
temporary struggles	long-term bondage
annoying habits	moral compromises
grey areas	clear sins



4. A humble spirit restores our sight (7:5)

⁵ “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.”



Galatians 6:1–2

¹ Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



Matthew 23:3–4

³ “For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴ They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger.”



5. A discerning spirit makes us wise (7:6)

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.”



Matthew 10:16

“Look, I’m sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as innocent as doves.”



Matthew 13:45–46

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.”



Matthew 10:14–15

¹⁴ “If anyone does not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”



Proverbs 9:8

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.



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