

# *Judging Others*

Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 16

Scripture text – Matthew 7:1-5

## Introduction

- Once again, we're given a \_\_\_\_\_ followed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Few commands of Jesus are as \_\_\_\_\_ as this one.
- Key: The command not to judge is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_.

## Censorious Judging

- Censorious judging is that which is \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is not a command to be \_\_\_\_\_ to problems or shortcomings, but a plea to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our estimations of others.

## Reason #1

- Being censorious in our judgments of others will \_\_\_\_\_ us to judgment ourselves.
  - 1) By other \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) By \_\_\_\_\_
- Divine judgment in the Bible:
  - 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ judgment
  - 2) The judgment of \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) God's \_\_\_\_\_ judgment
- Censorious judgment is particularly \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

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### Reason #2

- Being censorious in our judgments of others sets the \_\_\_\_\_ for our own judgment.
- When we accuse somebody of something, we are presenting ourselves as \_\_\_\_\_ in that area.

### Reason #3

- Being censorious in our judgments of others reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ in our own hearts & lives.
- We have a fatal tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ the faults of others and to \_\_\_\_\_ the gravity of our own.
- We also tend to attribute to ourselves good \_\_\_\_\_.
- What we are often doing, when judging others, is seeing our \_\_\_\_\_ faults and judging them \_\_\_\_\_.
- In doing so, we can experience the pleasure of \_\_\_\_\_ while avoiding the pain of \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Right Conclusion

- We *should* help people deal with their sin, but before we do, we need to deal with our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 effects:
  - 1) We'll go in a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) We'll be ready to proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_
- Touching the soul of a person requires a \_\_\_\_\_ touch.

### Discussion Questions

1. Who is someone we tend to judge unfairly or harshly?
2. Is there somebody we're close to who needs help with their sin? How might we go about doing that?