

Does the Bible Say That?

"Judge not..." Matthew 7:1-6 (James 2:1-13)

The Issue: Are we ever authorized to judge anyone?

Definitions

- How do we typically use the word "judge" or "judgment" in our culture?
- Matthew 7:1-2 – Define "judge" & "judgment" (see Strong's #'s 2919, 2917, *krino*, *krima*)

Questions

1. What is Jesus' main argument here?
2. What kind of "judgment" is he warning against?
3. What is the function of vss. 3-5?
4. How does v. 6 fit in here, or does it?
5. Are there any exceptions to the command here? If so, what are they?
6. How is this passage abused, misused, or misapplied? When someone calls a person "judgmental" what are they saying about them?
7. What is your main takeaway from this paragraph?

If time permits...

- Read James 2:1-13 (in context). Is James saying something similar to what Jesus is teaching here? What is the specific context in James?

"Judge (*krino*, 2919) not, that you be not **judged** (*krino*). ² For with the **judgment** (*krima*, 2917) you **pronounce** (*krino*) you will be **judged** (*krino*), and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

In the original, it goes something like this:
"do not judge or you'll be judged with what judgment you judge you will be judged and with what measure you measure you'll be measured."

