

RENEW

Judge Not, That You Might Judge Well
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“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls before pigs. If you do, they will trample them under their feet, and then tear you to pieces.”

This Passage Is Conflicting

- People use it as a trump card.
- Jesus calls us to make some judgments.

Judging Others Wrongly Is Devastating

- Devastating to others.
- Devastating to self.

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Luke 18:11, 13-14

“The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the other men—swindlers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector . . .’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner’ I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Judging Others Rightly Can Be Redemptive

- We all have issues.
- We have a shared commitment to walk the same journey.
- We relate to one another with tenderness and respect.
- We don't bully others!