



Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV) <sup>1</sup>Do not judge, or you too will be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>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? <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>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.

### What Jesus Did Not Mean When He Said, "Judge Not."

*Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)*

### How to Be Discerning Without Being Judgmental

#### 1. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ : God Will Judge Me by the Way I Judge Others.

*"For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Matthew 7:2)*

*"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)*

#### 2. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ : Before Correcting Others, I Must First Correct Myself.

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#### 3. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_ : When I Correct Others I Must Do So with a Tender Heart.

*"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." (Galatians 6:1)*

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### Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Matthew 7:1-2.
- Give up criticisms that are a matter of opinion rather than directly connected to God's Word.
- Ask God to reveal to you your own sins so you can receive His grace and forgiveness.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *And He Had Compassion* by William Barclay

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!