

PRAISE GOD!

Hypocrisy is dealt with... God deals with the hypocritical and condemning judgment throughout this passage. The end result of Judgment #1 is the log (hypocritical and condemnatory judging) is **REMOVED!**

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God's Outcome vs. Man's Outcome

Man's SAD Outcome

When people say "JUDGE NOT" they usually mean...

- ...leave me alone
- ...don't tell me what I am doing is wrong
- ...I don't want to repent or change
- ...I won't listen to you
- ...I won't listen to God and His Word

Outcome: They continue to be unrepentant and live unchanged in their chosen sins. The bondage to sin continues

God's JOYOUS Outcome

- ...God calls sinners to repent
- ...the log AND speck are removed
- ...spiritual growth and maturity come to all
- ...repentance is followed by freedom

Outcome: The Christian brethren grow from glory to glory and become more like Jesus!

*"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed into the***

same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

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Conclusion

It is God's desire for us all to grow increasingly into the image of Jesus... from glory to glory.

Judgment, in accordance with the Word of God, is very good thing... and it is a mandatory aspect of for our spiritual maturity.

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"Judge not, that ye be not judged."
(Matthew 7:1)

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JUDGE NOT

These two words are certainly amongst the most well known words in the Bible.

A great many unbelievers are familiar with this text from the Bible. Especially those in western cultures.

Likewise, Christians are generally familiar with this phrase.

In both cases (often believers and unbelievers alike), take this passage of Scripture out of context.

A person will regularly say "judge not" when they are doing something against the Word of God, and they do not want you to point it out to them.

Is this what this passage of Scripture means? Does God really want us to ignore sin and not judge it?

JUDGE NOT!

Lets examine the context of this passage.

Why Should We Not Judge?

As we can see from Matthew 7:1 (quoted previously), the reason we should not judge is so that we are not judged ourselves.

“For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”
(Matthew 7:2)

Verse 2 continues this thought and provides further instructions about why we should not judge. The same measure that we use to judge others is the measure that we will be judged by!

Now that could be very scary!

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## What Type Of Judging Should We Avoid?

*“And why **beholdest** thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but **considerest** not the beam that is in thine own eye? (4) Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? (5) Thou **HYPOCRITE**, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.”*  
(Matthew 7:3-5)

**Hypocritical Judgment is the Problem!**

Clearly, if one reads this passage in context, the problem is hypocritical judgment... **NOT** righteous judgment!

*“Judge not according to the appearance, but **judge righteous judgment.**”* (John 7:24)

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Some Definitions

Judge - Strong's G2919 - krinō - “...by implication, to try, condemn, punish... condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think...”

Judgment - Strong's G2917 - krima - “condemnation of wrong... condemnatory sentence, penal judgment, sentence”

Then thou shalt see clearly - Strong's G1227 - diablepō - “to look through... to look fixedly, stare straight before one... to see clearly”

We are most assuredly **NOT** to judge others in a condemning manner. God is the only One Who will judge, condemn, or damn people and that will be for rejecting Jesus.

It is this type of judging that we **must not participate in**.

However, God tells us that after we have had the log removed from our own eye... then we shall **see clearly** and be able to help our brother remove the speck from his own eye.

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## Observations

- This is in reference to fellow believers. Verses 3 and 4 tell us that one believer is involved in “judging” another believer (i.e. brethren).
- Hypocrisy and condemning judgment are the sins in this case. Judging right and wrong is not what God is addressing in this passage.

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God's Glorious Outcomes

God encourages at least two “judgments”.

God sees to it that BOTH pieces of wood are removed!

God deals with the hypocritical “judgment”.

Judgment #1 - With God's help judge yourself, and with His assistance remove the **LOG** from your own eye.

Judgment #2 - After you have had the log removed from your own eye, **THEN** you can see clearly to help your brother remove the **SPECK** from his eye.

Read Matthew 7:5

BOTH pieces of wood are REMOVED!