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Matthew 7:1-6

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I. A caution from Christ - vs. 1-2

A. Judgement defined

B. Judgement denounced

C. Judgement defended - 1 Corinthians 5:3-5, 12-23; 1 John 4:1-6; Matthew 7:15-20

D. Judgement don'ts

Don't criticize because you don't know all the facts

Don't criticize because we all sin 1 John 1:8-10

Don't criticize because you don't know the content of the person's heart

Don't criticize because, if you do, you are attempting to assume the authority of God. Romans 14:4; James 4:11-12

Don't criticize because one day you will face God in judgement. Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10

II. A Challenge from Christ - vs. 3-4

A. Problem of perception

B. Problem of comparison

There is so much good in the worst of us

and so much bad in the best of us

that it hardly behooves any of us

to talk about the rest of us

III. The council of Christ - v.5

A. Reflection leads to introspection - James 1:23-25

B. Sanctification leads to justification - Galatians 6:1

We will see our own heart more clearly

We will see the reality of our judgement more clearly

We will see our brother/sister more clearly

Proverbs 27:5; Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3