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Matthew 7:1-5, Luke 6:37-42

Takeaways

1. Christians are called to show unconditional love, not unconditional _____
2. Being quick to call _____ to account is to invite God to call _____ to account
 - ✓ Those who so readily pass judgment on their peers will find that their peers similarly pass judgment on them
 - ✓ The measure you give will be the measure you get (Mark 4:24)
3. "Jesus is drawing attention to a curious feature of the human race in which a profound ignorance of oneself is so often combined with an arrogant presumption of knowledge about others, especially about their faults" (Logos Bible Software)
 - Pointing out someone else's sin does not _____ yours

We break this command when we...

- ✓ judge others based on appearance
- ✓ think the worst of others
- ✓ only speak to others of their faults
- ✓ judge an entire life only by its worst moments
- ✓ judge the hidden motives of others
- ✓ judge others without considering ourselves in their same circumstances
- ✓ judge others without being mindful that we ourselves will be judged

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does it mean to judge others? Who is to judge? Are Christians forbidden from ever judging others?
3. How can we, as Christians, show unconditional love without showing unconditional approval? List some examples.
4. Many people will say that Christians are judgmental and intolerant. They will cite examples of Jesus, such as when a woman caught in adultery was brought to Him (John 8), as reasons why we should be tolerant. Do they have a point? Why or why not.
5. How do we balance confronting people with their sin and the fact that God is THE judge?
6. Read Matthew 7:3-5 again. What is Jesus saying here? How does that apply to us today? What do the speck and the plank represent?
7. Go back to the 'Sermon Notes' section and reread the list of ways we break Jesus' command in Matthew 7:1-5.
 - Are there any of those examples that resonate with you or that you are guilty of? If so, pray and confess them to God and receive His forgiveness.
8. Here are some cross-reference scriptures about judging and some scriptures about confronting sin:
 - Cross-references: James 4:11-12, John 3:17, Romans 2:1-3, Romans 14:1-13
 - Confronting Sin: Matthew 18:15, Luke 17:3, Galatians 6:1, 1 Timothy 5:20

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 7:1-5) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?