

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## Not “Judging” Others

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### I. Introduction

- A. Judgment: “to determine, select, choose; to be of opinion, deem, think.”; My Definition: “to figure it out”
- B. Usages in the Bible:
  - 1. 2 Timothy 4:1 - God’s judgment of us
  - 2. Acts 15:19 - Our judgment of what is right / wrong
  - 3. People judging people

### II. Crossing the Line in Judgment of Others

- A. Matthew 7:1-5: Not Recognizing My Major Faults
  - 1. A good goal: Helping others: 7:5; Galatians 6:1 - restore
  - 2. Problem: No personal application; We need to BE the light
- B. Romans 2:1-3: Comparing My “Minor” Faults with Others
  - 1. A good thing to see: The error others make: 1 Cor 15:33
  - 2. Thinking I’m okay - I don’t do “that”: DANGER in comparing
- C. Romans 14:1-4: Expecting Others to Live by MY Standard
  - 1. Working together: A difficult challenge (i.e. Jew / Gentile)
  - 2. Judging based on personal preferences
    - a. God is the judge!!!
    - b. James 4:11-12 - not in God’s place!!!
- D. James 2:1-4: Setting Aside Truth for Personal Gain
  - 1. Judging what we do not know
    - a. Motives of others
    - b. What they’re thinking
    - c. Understanding their past
    - d. Luke 21:2 - Widow two coins - judge???
    - e. Joseph: Much he did not know

### III. Responding to Others

- A. Humble Yourself (You had a Beam in Your Eye) - Mt 7
- B. Do not Condemn - Pardon & Give - Luke 6:37
  - 1. Giving the benefit of the doubt - 1 Cor 13:7
- C. Recognize God’s Grace to You: Romans 2:4
- D. Determine Never to Cause Your Brother to Stumble - Pursue Peace & Building Up: Romans 14:13; 14:16-19