**Matthew**

*Humility or Judgment: Which Will It Be?*

*Matthew 7:1-6*

Background

* Don’t get HIGH and MIGHTY, get LOW and HUMBLE
* Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility. (Prov 18:12)
* And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matt 23:12)
* He must increase, but I *must* decrease. (John 3:30)
* But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. (James 4:6)

Judgment Brings Judgment (v 1)

* Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. (John 7:24)
  + The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness *shall be* a sure reward. (Proverbs 11:18)
  + For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips. (Prov 8:7)
  + Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. (Prov 10:12)

We Will Reap the Judgment We Sow (v 2)

* Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Gal 6:7)

The Focus Isn’t the Sin of Others (v 3)

* The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise. (Prov 12:15)
* Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? (Prov 20:6)
* *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness. (Prov 30:12)
* For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. (2 Cor 10:12)

Get Right with God First (v 4)

Then Help Others (v 5)

* 1 ¶ Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. (Gal 6:1-3)

Though, Judgment is Needed When Helping Others (v 6)