

THE PROBLEM OF JUDGING OTHERS

Matthew 7:1-6

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"

I. Introduction

II. Jesus' commandment to judge not – what did He mean and why did He give this command? 1-2

A. What did Jesus mean when He spoke of judging in this context?

B. Jesus was not teaching we should never judge anything or anyone.

C. Jesus wasn't forbidding judging generally; He was forbidding surface judgment and hypocritical judgment.

III. We need to judge ourselves before we give any thought to judging others. 3-5

A. Jesus didn't blanketly forbid us to judge others.

B. Before we can judge others, we must first judge ourselves.

1. We are going to be judged ourselves one day.

2. We will be judged by others.

3. The only way we can help others is if we first help ourselves.

C. Jesus' illustration helps us to understand the kind of help that's needed.

IV. A practical example of how we are to judge and what the implications of that are. 6

A. An example of making a judgment given to us in metaphoric terms.

B. According to Jesus there are members of the human race who spiritually speaking are like dogs and hogs.

C. We must use some kind of criteria to decide who the spiritual dogs and pigs are.

V. Conclusion