

**Dear Church: Twisted Scripture Part 5**  
**Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged**  
**A Bible study for individuals, groups or classes**

**Background scripture:**

Matthew 7:1 "Judge not, that you be not judged.

**Podcast Sections:**

00:00 Intro and favorite verses  
02:06 Top three favorite verses on internet  
04:59 How Christians and non-Christians often use Matthew 7:1  
06:36 Context is needed for understanding  
08:06 This is still a need for judgement  
10:01 One can look at behaviors based upon fruit  
11:40 What is the right kind of judgement?  
15:33 What is righteous judgement?  
17:01 God is needed to make a proper judgement  
21:53 We are fruit inspectors  
24:15 The purpose of judgement among Christians  
26:47 Judgement needed to help and evangelize  
31:05 Only God can judge me  
32:17 Relationships needed with judgement

**Discussion questions:**

1. Imagine someone looking only at Matthew 7:1. What would it mean by itself. Now, add Matthew 7:5. How does this one additional verse shift its initial meaning?
2. Based on this program, what would happen if Christians stopped judging others entirely?
3. What is the proper way to decide if someone needs to be corrected?
4. What is the proper attitude we should have if we are going to correct a fellow Christian?
5. At what point does judgement become unrighteous instead of righteous?

**Scriptures related to this study**

Matthew 7:1-5

1 "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your

own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

#### Matthew 7:15-20

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

#### Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

#### John 7:14-24

14 About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. 15 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. 17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood. 19 Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" 20 The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" 21 Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. 22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. 23 If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? 24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

#### Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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