

Don't Be Hypercritical

Matthew 7:1-6

(series #39)

Intro: the pervasive idea of tolerance in our society

I. The Exhortation v. 1

- A. This does not mean don't ever judge
 - 1. John 7:24
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 5:12-13
 - 3. Matt. 7:16; 1 Cor. 6:6, 11:31, 14:29
 - 4. 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1
- B. It denounces being hypocritical & hypercritical

II. The Explanation v. 2

- A. If you nitpick others, they will nitpick you
- B. Your hypercritical spirit will backlash on you

III. The Illustrations vv. 3-4

- A. Seeing the speck in the other's eye
- B. Trying to remove the speck from the eye

IV. The Clarification vv. 5-6

- A. Remove the log from your own eye
- B. Gently remove the speck from the other's
- C. Be gracious and gentle, not undiscerning

Conclusion: the complexity of the Christian life!