



## Chapter 7:1-6

- Matt. 7:1 “Judge not, that you be not judged.
- Matt. 7:2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
- Matt. 7:3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?
- Matt. 7:4 Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me remove the speck from your eye”; and look, a plank is in your own eye?
- Matt. 7:5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.
- Matt. 7:6 “Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

### Context

The first 6 verses of Matthew 7 should really be part of chapter 6 because the Lord is still speaking about what the Pharisees did.

That is, in chapter 6 He reveals their hypocrisy and false righteousness by demonstrating that what they did was all a show ~ pretending to be righteous. Jesus called them hypocrites! (ref. Matt. 6: 2, 5 & 16)

Notice then in the opening verses of chapter 7 that Jesus’ comments are directed to the “Hypocrite!” (vs. 5.) That is, He is still addressing the Pharisees in chapter 7 and what they did!

## Observations & Discussion

1. If there is one verse that people know, who don't know anything else about the Bible it's Matthew 7:1! They seem to think that Jesus meant that we are never to discern between right and wrong or to judge sinful behavior. Is that what Jesus meant? Provide scripture to support your position.
2. Compare Paul's judgement of a sinful brother in 1Cor. 5:2-3 with the disciples' judgment of the woman in Mark 14:3-6. Are both Paul & the disciples guilty of violating Jesus' instructions in our text? Explain your answer.
3. In verses 3-5 Jesus uses figurative language—a speck and a plank. What do the speck and plank represent? How are we supposed to apply Jesus' instructions when dealing with a sinning saint?
4. What do the “pearls” in vs. 6 represent?
5. Both dogs and hogs were considered unclean under Jewish law. Who do you think Jesus had in mind when He told us not to cast our pearls before dogs and hogs?