The Speck In Your Eye

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INTRODUCTION

- Some Bible passages become such a source of controversy that they lose their intended meaning. The fight around the passage obscures the real meaning.
- Don't you find other people's problems easier to solve than your own.
- How we have a trouble being honest and humble when we deal with other people, and when we look at a speck in the eyes of others.

1 Judge Not That You Be Not Judged

Matthew 7:1–2; Matthew 7:12

- However you judge, you will be judged. Jesus is saying, there's care that you need to take in this because it's going to come back to you.
- What Jesus is saying is that this begins with a proper estimation of how I would want to be treated. And if I don't want to be judged the way I'm judging you, then I need to stop.
- Psychologists have identified Matthew 7 and verse 2. The idea that we judge other people by standards we don't want to be judged by.

2 Why Do You See the Speck?

Matthew 7:3

- I think maybe Jesus is asking us think about why you do this.
- The answer to that question in all its different forms boils down to pride.
- We look at other people's flaws because we don't want to face our own. That's what he says.

3 You Hypocrite, First Take the Log Out

Matthew 7:4–5; Romans 2:21

- It's ridiculous for us to notice the smaller flaw rather than our own. But it is even more ridiculous to offer to help somebody with a smaller flaw when we've got the big one.
- Hypocrisy is when I ignore the beam, pretend it's not there, and try to correct your speck.
- The teaching is we've got to acknowledge and work on our flaws.
- Now I can help you. Not because I'm perfect, not because I'm better. Because we're in this together.

4 Pearls Before Pigs; Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:6; Matthew 7:7–11

- Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

- Even our sincere and authentic efforts at changing and helping others to change will not always be well received.
- If we expect God to see the best in us, to reward what's good in us, then maybe what Jesus is saying is shouldn't we offer the same to other people?
- God is a God who is itching to bless his children.

5 Whatever You Wish That Others Would Do

Matthew 7:12

- So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the law and the prophets.
- What Jesus is saying here is you need to think about in every situation, what would be good treatment in your eyes?
- So when we talk about criticism, how would we want people to treat us?

6 Apply This: Bible Study, Forgiveness, Morality, Denominations

- That is a paradigm Christians must learn that I cannot criticize until I have first looked in the mirror.
- The first application of Bible teaching is always to me.
- I think in forgiveness, if we look and focus on the beam in our eye first, it'll help us to move toward an ability to forgive.
- And if I don't keep my spiritual house clean, I'm not even sure I have a seat at the table in that discussion.
- My critical and condescending spirit cost me so many opportunities to talk frankly about that issue.
- Don't I have to be humble enough to open my Bible and see that when I am convicted, I am just as wrong as anyone else.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **This is about simply do I have the guts to look in the mirror and not just to criticize others.**

MY NOTES