

## Self-examination is Key to Helping Others Matthew 7:1-6

**Main Point: Christians must have discernment**

**Discernment**-The ability to see and understand people, things, or situations clearly and intelligently\*-the ability to make correct judgments  
*\*Webster's Dictionary*

**I. How we look at other \_\_\_\_\_ and their sin requires discernment**

Matthew 7:1

**“Do not judge”**

**What this does not mean?**

-That Christians cannot call anything \_\_\_\_\_ because that would be to \_\_\_\_\_ someone or something

-That a Christian cannot take a stand for \_\_\_\_\_ and point out \_\_\_\_\_ because that would be to judge someone's views

**What this does mean?**

-Christians should not \_\_\_\_\_ one another (or the unsaved for that matter-Mt. 5:43-48)

-Christians should not have a \_\_\_\_\_ nitpicking attitude that is always seeing the sin in everyone else

**Why should we not judge?**

-Because we will be \_\_\_\_\_ one day  
Matthew 7:1

-Because our \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment against others will be used against us

Matthew 7:2

-Because we too are \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 7:3

**II. How Christians look at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sin requires discernment**

Matthew 7:3-5

-Christians must \_\_\_\_\_ be in the process of self-examination before the Lord-if not one will quickly fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ trap of self-righteousness

-Christians must see their own sin against the Lord as the \_\_\_\_\_ offense

-Only when Christians have \_\_\_\_\_ themselves before the Lord can they then help others with their sin

**III. How Christians talk with the \_\_\_\_\_ requires discernment**  
Matthew 7:6

-Christians must stick with the \_\_\_\_\_ with the unsaved-they are not ready for and cannot handle deep truths

-Christians must be able to discern what person he should share the \_\_\_\_\_ with

### **Application**

This teaching should start in the \_\_\_\_\_.-Dads make sure you lead by example-see your own sin as the biggest issue and don't nitpick at your wife and kids

This teaching should be practiced in your \_\_\_\_\_.-don't talk bad about your church family-learn to overlook certain sins

This teaching should stretch to Christians of other \_\_\_\_\_.-don't judge others over minor doctrinal issues and practices

In all relationships we should strive to have the Law of Charity rule