

SOTM pt 12 – A Winning Judgment

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[Mat 7:1-6 NASB95] 1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. 2 "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at 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,' and behold, the log is 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. 6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

- Dr. Shelton – LITSNTC - This passage is one of the most misunderstood and misquoted sayings of Jesus. Often when one wants to preclude any criticism of one's attitudes, actions, or lifestyle, objections are met with "judge not." This clearly is not what Jesus intended. He expects value judgments to be made, right and wrong to be identified, and worthy and unworthy to be discerned, as can be seen in the verses that follow (esp. v. 6). The disciple must be able to see fault in a brother or sister so that such a person can be brought to kind yet uncompromising correction (cf. 18:15–17).
- Not understanding what this passage means has hindered the messaging of the Gospel and is used as a "shield" against the truth. Misunderstanding of this passage has affected our society.
- Jesus is more concerned over who is judged and how they are judged.
- To win in this area, we must grow in our understanding of this passage.

How can we win in this area of judgment?

There are three things we need to understand in winning in the area of judgment.

I. A winning judgment starts with working on yourself.

- a. Examine yourself. [2Co 13:5-6 NASB95] 5 Test yourselves [to see] if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you unless indeed you fail the test? 6 But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test.
- b. Repent. [2Co 7:9-10 NASB95] 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to [the point of] repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to [the will of] God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 For the sorrow that is according to [the will of] God produces a repentance without regret, [leading] to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

II. A winning judgment is filled with:

- a. Holiness of life. [1Pe 1:14-16 NASB95] 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts [which were yours] in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all [your] behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."
- b. Humility in approach. [Eph 4:1-3 NASB95] 1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- c. Heart of love. [Eph 4:15 NASB95] 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all [aspects] into Him who is the head, [even] Christ,

III. A winning judgment has a goal to help people.

- a. διὰβλέπω – to see doubly or to see extra.

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- b. We want to affect people. V5.
 - i. [Jas 5:19-20 NASB95] 19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
 - ii. [Mat 18:15-17 NASB95] 15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen [to you,] take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.** 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
 - c. We need to discern whom we can affect. V6.
 - d. We need to be open for people to speak into our lives, too.
- **God wants us to work on ourselves as we lovingly and humbly help other people grow in their walk with God.**