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## **“Don’t Judge!”**

**What do you say when you are preached at for preaching?**

Matthew 7:1-12

- I. **Agree that neither you nor they are the “Judge” of the other. (1-2)**
  - a. Foolishness is pitting values against one another.
    - i. It’s profit vs. customer service?
  - b. Wisdom is connecting values in complementary ways.
    - i. Good customer service is profitable!
  - c. Be wise in valuing God *and* people *and* the workplace.
    - i. 1 Peter 3:15,16 | Acts 17:22-31
  
- II. **Ask genuine questions to understand the other person. (3-6)**
  - a. Why is fixing other people your priority?
    - i. Know your “win”. (3)
  - b. Clarity for ourselves helps ourselves and others.
    - i. Consider oxygen masks. (4,5)
  - c. Correction conveys relationship, not just content.
    - i. “Who are you to say that?” (6)
  
- III. **Ask respectfully for the other person to understand you too. (7-12)**
  - a. Asking, seeking and knocking is appropriate pursuit of connecting with a person.
    - i. It is also \_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)
  - b. Courtesy and respect are universal values even though they have different forms in different contexts.
    - i. It is ok to be \_\_\_\_\_. (9-11)
  - c. The message from God is about reconciliation. The “Golden Rule” is good for the one sharing and the one hearing.
    - i. That is how to be \_\_\_\_\_. (12)

***The good news invites people into the most important relationship.  
Being relational when you share it is effective, friendly and faithful.***

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### Matthew 7:1-12 (HCSB)

**7:1** “Do not judge, so that you won’t be judged. **2** For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **3** Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but don’t notice the log in your own eye? **4** Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and look, there’s a log in your eye? **5** Hypocrite! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. **6** Don’t give what is holy to dogs or toss your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them with their feet, turn, and tear you to pieces.

**7** “Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **9** What man among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **11** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! **12** Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them—this is the Law and the Prophets.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: Holman Christian standard version.* (2009). (Mt 7:1–12). Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers.