

The Kingdom & the Cross -Part IX
Mt. 7:1-12

1. _____ to the Critics (vv. 1-5)
 - a. We assess _____, but we do not judge _____. (v. 1)
 - i. Jesus calls us to _____, not _____ criticism.
 - b. The standard we apply to _____ will be applied to _____. (v. 2)
 - c. Remember: We are not just _____, we are _____. (v. 3)
 - d. We tend to _____ our own vice and _____ our own virtue. (v. 4)
 - e. Notice: Hypocrisy is _____, sound judgment is _____. (v. 5)
 - f. We are to be neither _____, nor _____.
2. _____ to Discernment (v. 6)
 - a. The saints are to be _____, but not _____.
 - b. The Kingdom is the greatest treasure (Mt. 13:45-46) but we should not try to _____ it on those who insist on rejecting it.
 - c. We must learn to _____ the gospel, but not _____ out conflict.
 - d. We must discern when it is time to _____ the _____ from our feet. (Mt. 10:14; Acts 13:44-51; Acts 18:5-6)
3. _____ in our Father (vv. 7-11)
 - a. Our Father's _____ guarantees that we will be heard. (vv. 7-10)
 - b. Our Father's _____ guarantees that He is able to provide. (v. 11)
 - c. Our Father's _____ will give us unshakeable peace (Phil. 4:4-7)
 - d. Our Father has already blessed us with _____ spiritual blessing. (Eph. 1:3)
4. _____ toward Others (v. 12)
 - a. The Golden Rule is a _____ of the entire sermon.
 - b. We seek the _____ of others.
 - c. We see from the _____ of others.

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1. Caution to the Critics (vv. 1-5)
 - a. We assess critically, but we do not judge harshly. (v. 1)
 - i. Jesus calls us to constructive, not corrosive criticism.
 - b. The standard we apply to others will be applied to us. (v. 2)
 - c. Remember: We are not just fallible, we are fallen. (v. 3)
 - d. We tend to minimize our own vice and magnify our own virtue. (v. 4)
 - e. Notice: Hypocrisy is forbidden, sound judgment is commanded. (v. 5)
 - f. We are to be neither hypocrites, nor harsh.
2. Call to Discernment (v. 6)
 - a. The saints are to be sincere, but not stupid.
 - b. The Kingdom is the greatest treasure (Mt. 13:45-46) but we should not try to force it on those who insist on rejecting it.
 - c. We must learn to share the gospel, but not seek out conflict.
 - d. We must discern when it is time to shake the dust from our feet. (Mt. 10:14; Acts 13:44-51; Acts 18:5-6)
3. Confidence in our Father (vv. 7-11)
 - a. Our Father's goodness guarantees that we will be heard. (vv. 7-10)
 - b. Our Father's greatness guarantees that He is able to provide. (v. 11)
 - c. Our Father's grace will give us unshakeable peace (Phil. 4:4-7)
 - d. Our Father has already blessed us with every spiritual blessing. (Eph. 1:3)
4. Conduct toward Others (v. 12)
 - a. The Golden Rule is a summary of the entire sermon.
 - b. We seek the interests of others.
 - c. We see from the perspective of others.