



SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

Letter or Heart - Matthew 7:1-6

John 3:16

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“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. ³ “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’

Matthew 7:1-6

“when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye. ⁶ Don’t waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don’t throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.” (NLT)

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Amelia Bedelia

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So Amelia Bedelia sat right down
and she drew those drapes.



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Pharisees

- * Knew technically what the Law said
- * Used their blessings as a reason to think they were better than others
- * Did NOT know the Law Maker
- * Measured their righteousness in comparison to others

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A God of grace, mercy &
forgiveness desires us to be a
people of grace, mercy &
forgiveness

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Be Careful!

- * Don't miss the heart of the Law Maker
- * “Do not judge” is not a get-out-of-jail-free card
- * Don't measure yourself against others
- * Give the grace & forgiveness you would want from God & others

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What keeps us from living this?

- * Insecurity
- * Operating out of hurt
- * Project our faults onto others



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John 3:16-17

“¹⁶ For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” (NLT)

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If Jesus came to save, not to judge, how are you letting Him do that through you?

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Living this out...

- * Slow down and pay attention
- * Thankfully remember who you are in Christ
- * Look for moments to offer grace
- * Seek & rely on the Holy Spirit to transform you and empower you to live this out



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