# UMMER ON THE

Letter or Heart - Matthew 7:1-6

## John 3:16

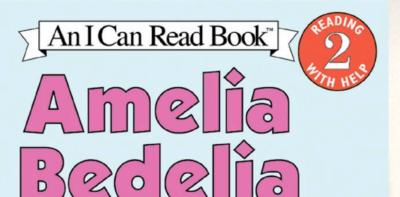
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"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. 2 For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. 3 "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in 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. <sup>6</sup> 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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So Amelia Bedelia sat right down and she drew those drapes.



#### 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

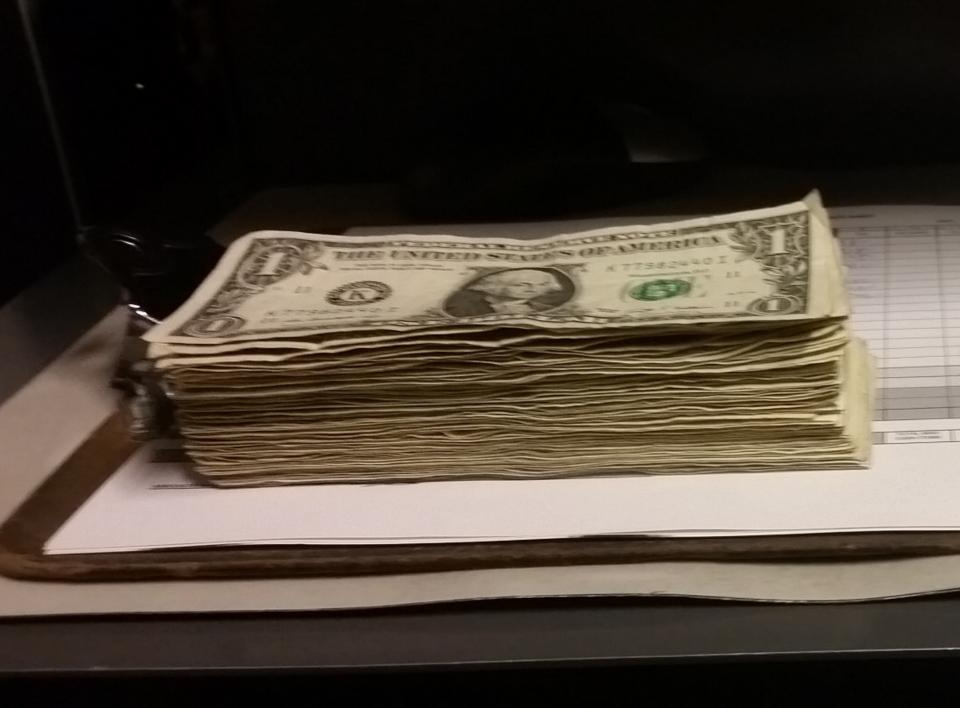
A God of grace, mercy & forgiveness desires us to be a people of grace, mercy & forgiveness

#### 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

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 <u>him.</u>" (NLT)

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

### 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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