

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 7, 2019

“Kingdom Principles ~ The Law of Judgment”

Matthew 7:1-6

“I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as my Father bestowed one upon me...”  
(Luke 22:29)

The Kingdom of God is a central part of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the message and ministry of \_\_\_\_\_. It is an invitation for people to return to the life God originally \_\_\_\_\_ from the very beginning.

There’s only one requirement for entrance: \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17)

The lifestyle of the Kingdom of God is the exact \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdoms of the world. And so, entering the Kingdom of God is like immigrating to a new country with a new and different \_\_\_\_\_.

Culture = \_\_\_\_\_ patterns which \_\_\_\_\_ life in a given society, and we need to know and understand them in order to live in that society. Similarly, Scripture speaks of the existence of a kingdom culture, governed by \_\_\_\_\_ laws; and whether we acknowledge them or not, these spiritual laws, or kingdom principles, have a dramatic affect on our lives and relationships.

Principle =

**WHY WE NEED TO KNOW THESE KINGDOM PRINCIPLES**

- Kingdom principles should be our \_\_\_\_\_.  
“But seek first His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.” (Luke 12:31)
- Kingdom principles equip us to \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom.  
“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)
- Kingdom principles help us produce kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” (Matthew 21:43)

If we are residents of the Kingdom of God it will be apparent in our visible \_\_\_\_\_.

Self-righteousness =

Judgment =

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**3 THINGS THIS PASSAGE TELLS US ABOUT JUDGEMENT**

**#1. It is not up to us to \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.”  
(Matthew 7:1-2)

It’s this \_\_\_\_\_ attitude—presuming to judge another person’s motives, \_\_\_\_\_, or spiritual condition—that Jesus challenges.

“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging.” (Matthew 7:1-2 Msg)

**4 REASONS WHY WE SHOULDN’T JUDGE**

- We never know the whole \_\_\_\_\_ or the whole \_\_\_\_\_; and in any given situation, we rarely have all the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Judgment is often based on \_\_\_\_\_ ideas and biases and it’s therefore, almost impossible for any of us to be strictly \_\_\_\_\_.
- Judgments are often based on \_\_\_\_\_ things.
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“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

- Judgement belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.

we can’t know what’s in a person’s \_\_\_\_\_; or presume to see them as \_\_\_\_\_ sees them.

“The Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.” (1 Chronicles 28:9)

A judgmental attitude ultimately leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Is judging others something that you often do?**

**#2. We need to take an \_\_\_\_\_ look at \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.” (Matthew 7:3-5)

Hypocrisy = someone whose outward \_\_\_\_\_ fail to line up with what they profess to \_\_\_\_\_; it can also mean not seeing in \_\_\_\_\_, what you so easily criticise in \_\_\_\_\_.

When I only see you and your faults, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ to the problems that dwell within my own \_\_\_\_\_. If my heart was as \_\_\_\_\_ and holy as I'd like to think it is; I wouldn't be focussed on criticising and \_\_\_\_\_ you for your failures—I'd, love you, \_\_\_\_\_ for you, and try to help you instead.

The problem with judging others is we're often \_\_\_\_\_ of the same or worse sins ourselves.

“Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are, when you judge others; for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, are doing the very same things.” (Romans 2:1)

Only the \_\_\_\_\_ have a right to look for faults in others.

“Do you have the nerve to say, ‘Let me wash your face for you,’ when your own face is distorted by contempt?...Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbour.” (Matthew 7:3-5 Msg)

\_\_\_\_\_ blinds us and makes it impossible for God's \_\_\_\_\_ to flow through us. Instead of judging other's people's wrongs, we need to recognize that the wrong we see so clearly in others may be an \_\_\_\_\_ of something wrong in our own life

It's only when we're willing to look with \_\_\_\_\_ at the log in our own eye—to ask ourselves; that we can begin to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else with the speck that's in their eye.

**Do you need to take an honest look at yourself, instead of judging others?**

**#3. This passage tells us what being \_\_\_\_\_ non-judgmental looks like.**

“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.” (Matthew 7:6)

Some people interpret Jesus' words; “Do Not Judge,” to mean that we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ of all things because we don't have a right to judge, period. Taken to its logical conclusion, this would mean that there's no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_ Truth—no right or \_\_\_\_\_ by which we can judge.

We live in a culture that only wants to hear \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of what Jesus said about judgment.

“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” (John 7:24)

“Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act...A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit”. (Matthew 7:15-17)

Being biblically non-judgmental doesn't mean we pretend we don't see \_\_\_\_; or that there's no right or wrong. It means that we don't consider hold ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ than others—it means we don't see people as being outside the circle of God's \_\_\_\_\_; outside the bounds of our forgiveness; outside the possibility of our \_\_\_\_\_, because of what they've done or are doing.

One of the greatest relationship skills that we can develop is the ability to respond to another person's actions—not with condemning \_\_\_\_\_, but with integrity, grace, and love.

“Mercy triumphs over judgement.” (James 2:13)

**In your defence of orthodoxy and God's Truth, have you lost sight of mercy, love, and grace?**

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**“There is no difference between people. Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God's glory. Yet, they receive God's approval freely by an act of his kindness through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free.” (Romans 3:22)**