SUBBANDER

Much of the Sermon on the Mount has dealt with the standard of the Mosaic Law

There's a monumental difference between hypocritical judgement and being people who are tasked to be discerning

Matthew 7:1-6



Everything needs to be compared to God's Perfect and Holy Standard (this Standard exposes and condemns sin)

Believers MUST first deal with our own sin (that means we CAN'T ignore or justify or rationalize our sin

The process of addressing sin is only problematic when we want our sin MORE than we want God's Holiness





"Haughtiness" = arrogant; blatantly and disdainfully proud; setting yourself above another

Proverbs 16:18



It's NEVER acceptable to cross-compare (to horizontally compare ourselves to other people

Matthew 7:1-2

"Do NOT judge" = this is a command to stop an action already taking place

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

When we harshly judge others, we really DON'T understand God's mercy and grace toward us (personally)

Matthew 7:3-4

Matthew 7:5

Before any of us are fit to assist another believer we must "take the log out," that's a command which calls for immediate and decisive action (do it and do it now)

Sometimes, if we're NOT careful, we can get blinded by sin, which is super sneaky and subtle Matthew 7:6

"Dogs" = during Jesus' time these animals were NOT domesticated (they lived in wild packs)

Hogs (pigs) = to the Jewish person pigs were filthy (they were unclean)

Matthew 13:45-46



Dogs will NEVER show proper reverence for holy things

Hogs will NEVER recognize the beauty and value of pearls