

ARE BELIEVERS TO JUDGE?
THE WAY WE JUDGE REVEALS OUR HEART CONDITION
Matthew 7 1-6

- I. JESUS COMMANDS THE UNBELIEVING RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES NOT TO JUDGE, so as to reveal hearts that are ripe for God's judgment (1-5)**
- A. A Command which reveals** the eternal peril of the religious hypocrite: Judge not in order that you will not be judged **(1)**
1. Is judging prohibited by Scripture?

 2. Who is Jesus talking to and how were they judging (Matt 7:2-5)?
- B. An explanation to heed:** You will be judged for the very things in which you judge others **(2)**
- C. A personal illustration to manifest their hypocrisy (3-4)**
- D. A declaration to follow:** You religious hypocrite...take care of your own sin first, then you will be able to see and discern rightly **(5)**
- II. JESUS COMMANDS TRUE BELIEVERS TO BE DISCERNING AND JUDGE RIGHTLY, so that His precious Word is not trampled and His people are devoured (6)**
- A. We are to discern and judge** how to act and react among unbelievers **(6a)**
- B. Recognize there are consequences for not judging rightly** as a believer: God's Word is trampled and we are devoured. **(6b)**