

Title: Kingdom Pivot

Text: Matthew 7:1-6

Target: To be a people that is known more for “what we are for” versus “what we are against”!

1. **The Danger of being Judgmental:** *“Judge not, that you be not judged.”* (Vs. 1)
 - a. **The Misunderstanding:** Informed judgement is not wrong!
 - b. **The Meaning:** Insulting judgement is wrong!

2. **The Discrimination of being Judgmental:** *“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”* (Vs. 2)
 - a. **The Pronouncement of Pride:** Based on Assumptions.
 - i. Don't know all the facts.
 - ii. Don't know all the findings.
 - b. **The Measurement is a Mirror:** Based on Accusations
 - i. Authority of God: (Romans 14:4)
 - ii. Accountability of God: (Romans 14:12)

3. **The Dishonor of being Judgmental:**
 - a. **Quick to Condemn:** *“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?”* (Vs.3)
 - b. **Quick to Correct:** *“Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?”* (Vs.4)
 - c. **Quick to Counsel:** *“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”* (Vs.5)

4. **The Deliverance from being Judgmental:** *“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”* (Vs. 6)
 - a. **Regard the Mission as Important:**
 - i. Do Not give Up
 - ii. Do Not give Over
 - b. **Rejection of the Message is Increasing**

Take Away: Challenge divisive language by countering it with a discerning lifestyle.