

# Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## JUDGING IN A CRITICAL WORLD

**Matthew 7:1-6 (NIV) Judging Others** “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

**Deuteronomy 16:18 (NIV)** “Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly.”

**Romans 13:1 (NIV)** “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

**Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)** “But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

**1 John 4:1 (NIV)** “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

**1 John 2:19 (NIV)** “They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

**1 Corinthians 5:12-13 (NIV)** “What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. ‘Expel the wicked person from among you.’”

**Galatians 6:1 (NIV)** “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.”

**John 7:24 (NIV)** “Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.”

### WHAT JESUS IS SAYING

#### 1. Do not be hypercritical.

**James 2:13 (NIV)** “because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”

**Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)** “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

**Romans 14:10-13 (NIV)** “You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. It is written: ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’ So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

**Romans 14:19 (NIV)** “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

**Matthew 7:12 (NIV)** “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

## 2. Do not be hypocritical.

## 3. Do not be foolish.

**Proverbs 9:7-9 (NIV)** “Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults; whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse. Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.”

**Proverbs 26:4-5 (NIV)** “Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you yourself will be just like him. Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes.”

**Acts 13:46 (NIV)** “Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: ‘We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.’”

## LIVING BY THE SPIRIT

### 1. See yourself correctly.

**Romans 12:3 (NIV)** “For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

### 2. See others compassionately.

**1 John 4:19 (NIV)** “We love because he first loved us.”

“Correct him but not as a foe...but as a physician providing medicines, as a brother or sister longing to see a family member restored and redeemed.” - St John Chrysostom

### 3. See God clearly.

**Romans 12:19 (NIV)** “Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”