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Sermon Notes

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## **Eye Surgery for Eye Surgeons**

### **Matthew 7:1-6**

I. The Only Sin Left in America: Intolerance

II. Overview: Matthew 7... Preparing for Judgment Day

III. “Judge not, lest you be judged”

A. Absolutely essential to understand this properly

1. Only true villains: men and women of principle
2. Doctrinal convictions included
3. What we really want is openness, not “closed mindedness”
4. Churches must be open to the changes in society
5. Anything for peace and quiet... peace at any price

B. What it does not mean

1. Commands to judge in the Sermon on the Mount
  - a. 7:6... Do not give dogs what is sacred
  - b. 7:13... Watch out for false prophets... wolves in sheep’s clothing
2. Commands to judge in Jesus’ teaching
  - a. John 7:24 “Judge with righteous judgment”
3. Commands to judge in New Testament
  - a. false doctrine... “test the spirits”: 1 John

b. false practice... i.e. church discipline: 1 Corinthians 5-6

C. What it does mean: final condemnation of persons AND self-righteous attitude

1. Need for balance in the Christian life... always walking the knife edge

**Illus. IMAX on Mt. Everest**

2. "Condemn not, lest you be condemned..."

***Luke ... disciples calling down fire on the Samaritans***

3. MORE THAN THAT... attitude of self-righteousness

***Luke 18:9-14 "Lord, I thank you that I am not like other men..."***

a. spiritual comparisons... looking to others to determine personal spiritual standing

b. THEREFORE: delights in failure by others

***1 Corinthians 13:... Love hopes all things***

c. BUT supposed to be spiritual beggars!!!

D. Manifestations of Judgmental Spirit

1.

E. Danger of Judgmental Spirit

1. Stop being a spiritual beggar...the key to everything

2. You stop searching out your own sin

3. Stop putting sin to death

4. Stop hungering and thirsting for righteousness

5. Begin to be satisfied with fool's gold... self-righteous feeling from comparison with others

