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Matthew 7:1-12

Matthew chapter seven comes toward the close of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. If we were to hear this sermon today, most of us would be in no mood for judging others. Jesus sets the standard so high that none of us would measure up to it. After all, whose "righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees"? None of us would claim that we are perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Yet, it is our human nature to compare ourselves with others.

We tend to look at others and make comparisons. I am not as heavy as he is. My hair is not as grey as hers is. These are insignificant, but it is easy to compare things that are more important. We can easily become like the Pharisee who went to the Temple and prayed, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people" (Luke 18:11). Jesus reminds us, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Matthew 7:2).

We are not to judge others, but we are to be gracious. We can confidently leave all of the judging to Jesus.

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