

Rediscover Jesus
Part 13: Judging Others | Luke 6:37-42
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We will be judgmental towards others if we are blind to ourselves.

I. The problem of judgmentalism (vv. 37-38)

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you...

Fundamental attribution error = the tendency to falsely attribute the negative behaviors of others to their *character* (an internal attribution), while attributing one’s own negative behaviors to *environmental factors* (an external attribution)¹

³⁸ ... Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

II. The root of spiritual blindness (vv. 39-42)

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?”

“Spiritual blindness is not like physical blindness. When you are physically blind, you know that you are blind, and you do things to compensate for this significant physical deficit. But spiritually blind people are not only blind; they are blind to their own blindness. They are blind, but they think that they see well. So the spiritually blind person walks around with the delusion that no one has a more accurate view of him than he does. He thinks he sees and is unaware of the powerfully important things in his heart that he absolutely does not see at all.”²

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ 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? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

“I have now come to understand that I need others in my life. I now know that I need to commit myself to living in *intentionally intrusive, Christ-centered, grace-driven, redemptive community*. I now know it’s my job to seek this community out, to invite people to interrupt my private conversation, and to say things to me that I couldn’t or wouldn’t say to myself. I have realized how much I need warning, encouragement, rebuke, correction, protection, grace, and love. I now see myself as connected to others, not because I have made the choice but because of the wise design of the one who is the head of the body, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot allow myself to think that I am smarter than him. I cannot allow myself to think that I am stronger than I am. I cannot assign to myself a level of maturity that I do not have. I cannot begin to believe that I am able to live outside of God’s normal means of spiritual growth and be okay....

Since, as one who has remaining sin still inside of him, it is right to say that the greatest danger in my life exists inside of me and not outside of me, then wouldn’t it also be the height of naivety or arrogance to think that I would be okay left to myself?”³

Life Application

1. Don’t minimize times you’ve been judgmental, unforgiving, and stingy towards others but repent.
2. Don’t pretend not to be a sinner before others but share sin struggles to trusted brothers/sisters in Christ.
3. Don’t isolate yourself in blindness but seek out discipling relationships to help one another to see God, yourself, and others rightly through the gospel.

¹ Patrick Lencioni, *Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of a Team* (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 2005), 145.

² Paul Tripp, *Dangerous Calling* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 72-73.

³ Paul Tripp, *Dangerous Calling* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 84.