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“Judge Not”

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“Judgmental criticism of others is a well-known way of escaping detection in your own crimes and misdemeanors”

~ Eugene Peterson

With God’s help, we must put off a harsh, condemning, critical spirit, and instead exercise _____ in our _____ of others.

1. The Command Not to Judge (v. 1).

What Jesus is *not* saying: Turn a blind eye to _____.

What Jesus *is* saying: He is condemning a _____ spirit.

Characteristics of a critical spirit:

- a. They _____.
- b. They assume others’ _____.

2. Why We Are Not to Judge This Way (vv. 2–5a).

- a. Because a judgmental attitude toward others is not in _____ with our need for _____ (v. 2).
- b. Because we are _____ individuals (vv. 3–5a).

3. The Proper Way to Judge (vv. 5b–6).

Judge _____ first (v. 5b).

Exercise _____ (v. 6).