Do Not Judge Matthew 7:1-6

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Thesis: Christians are to help others to be godly rather than looking down on others for their appearance.

Introduction:

- 1. There are different types of judgement looked at in the scriptures. One is a godly way and the other is an ungodly way of judging those around us.
- 2. In the context of our text for this evening, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shows what ungodly judgement looks.
- 3. Let us take a closer look at what Jesus says in Matthew 7:1-6.

I. Judge Not (Mt. 7:1)

- A. Judge is to make a distinction between, to exercise judgement upon, to estimate.
 - 1. This is to judge one according to their appearances.
 - 2. This is to judge according to a person's opinion rather than a standard.
- B. This is not how we would want someone judging us.
 - 1. People desire to be treated fairly.
 - 2. Matthew 7:12
 - 3. This shows how people desire to be treated. Unfair judgement goes directly against the standard of God's word.

II. Measurement (Mt. 7:2)

- A. The same way (measure) that someone judges someone else, it is the same way that person will then be judged.
 - 1. This should be a terrifying verse!
 - 2. It should cause someone to stop and pay attention to their thoughts and keep them in check (2 Cor. 10:5).

III. Pay Attention to Your Own Life (Mt. 7:3-5)

- A. Before a person can go pointing out tings in someone else's life they must first consider their own life.
 - 1. No one likes to have someone look at their life when they are doing the same things.
 - 2. This type of action is called hypocrisy.
 - B. Godliness must be the focus of the way our lives are lived.
 - 1. Our goal should be to have our lives in line with what God would have us to do.
 - 2. Once our lives are lived in a godly manner then we can help others to do the same.

IV. Not Everyone Listens (Mt. 7:6)

- A. There will be those who refuse to listen and change.
- B. The gospel is precious and everyone is to be given the opportunity to obey it.

Conclusion:

- 1. Our actions in our life will lead people to Christ or take people away from Him.
- 2. Does the action in your life bring people closer to Christ or push them away?