

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

## *Judged by Your Own Example*

*Matthew 7:1-6*

His whole message here, **Matt. 5:3-7:27**, He is **building** something for us

- Each additional piece **adds support** to what follows
- It's all **From God (righteousness, 5:6)**
- It's all **relational** in nature (**with Him & others, 5:9**)
- It's all **FOR us (Individually & together, 5:13-14)**

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**What does Jesus want FOR us?**

- He wants us to live **free & confident**
- **Not** in fear of judgement
- **I John 4:17**, "Love has been perfected among us in this: **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment**; because as He is, so are we in this world."

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The meat of what He's saying is in **Vs. 1-2**

- **Vs. 3-4** must be heard in light of them
- **Vs. 5** casts **3 & 4** in the full light of **personal application**
- **Vs. 6** reminds them/us of things known since Solomon

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So, **what did Jesus mean?**

- What **should** they/we **understand?**

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Here's one of those places where English is lacking

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**Vs. 1**

- "**Judge**" = to **decide to condemn**
- "**Judged**" = to **punish, damn or sentence to**

**Vs. 2**

- "**Judgement**" = the decision to **avenge**
- "**Measure**" = to determine **proportion by fixed standard**
- "**Measured**" = to **return by opposite contrast** (mirrored)

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So...

"Judge (**decide to condemn**) not, that you be not judged (**punished, damned or sentenced to**). For with what judgment (**decision to avenge**) you judge (**decide to condemn**), you will be judged (**punished, damned or sentenced to**); and with the measure (**proportion by fixed standard**) you use, it will be measured (**returned by opposite contrast/mirrored**) back to you."

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**How does that sound?**

Basically, "Your judgement will be **a reflection**"

- It's a dangerous thing to step into God's role

Jesus is **trying to protect us**

**John 3:17**, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

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**How do you want to be judged by God?**

- How do you think He views some political commentary in recent years?
- Especially by those identified with Christ

**Romans 14:4-13**

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**Where to start?**

- Paul suggests **with ourselves** would be a good place

**I Corinthians 11:31,**

*“If we were properly **evaluating ourselves**, we would not be judged”*

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**Vs. 3-5** is about **not requiring of ourselves first**, the standard we place on others.

**The example we set** is the highest standard we can ask of others

Maybe deciding, “I’m going to evaluate & treat you the way **I want God to evaluate & treat me**” would be helpful.

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Does **V. 6** seem a bit odd?

**Proverbs 18:2 & 23:9** address the same issue

*“Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.”*

*“Don’t waste your breath on fools, for they will despise the wisest advice.”*

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What Jesus says next could use some insight as well