



**MIS** UNDERSTOOD

DO NOT JUDGE

Matthew 7:1-5

“Kyrie Elieson down the road that you must travel” =

“Carry a laser down the road that you must travel”

“Rock the Casbah” = “Rock the cat box”

“There’s a bad moon on the rise” =  
“There’s a bathroom on the right”

“Bring me a higher love” = “Bring me an  
iron lung”

“Two tickets to paradise” = “Two chickens  
are paralyzed”

“Hold me closer, tiny dancer” = “Hold me closer Tony Danza”

“Do you like piña colada” = “Do you like bean enchiladas”

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- I am not trying to destroy your childhood memories.
- I am not trying to help you win Facebook arguments.

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- To improve our Bible study skills
- To clarify misunderstood verses
- To obey God's Word more faithfully



I can do all things  
through **CHRIST**  
who strengthens me  
Philippians 4:13

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## Outline:

- How is this passage usually interpreted?
- What does it really mean?
- Why does it matter?

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“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For the in the way that you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

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“Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ and behold, the log is in your own eye?”

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“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”

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How is it normally interpreted?

“Never make moral judgments about what other people do, say, or believe.”

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“I don’t judge others. I say if you feel good with what you’re doing, let your freak flag fly.”

Sarah Jessica Parker

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“We’re not supposed to pass judgment. Our Bible says, ‘Judge not, lest ye be judged,’ ... We’re all God’s children. No matter how we try to get to heaven, we all wanna go there. We just have our own routes to take, and that’s how I look at it.”

Dolly Parton

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Why is the usual interpretation wrong?

- The Bible encourages us to make moral judgments.



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For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? But those who are outside, God judges. Remove the wicked man from among you.”

1 Corinthians 5:12-13

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If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

Matthew 18:15

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My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death.

James 5:19-20a

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Do not judge according to appearance,  
but judge with righteous judgment.

John 7:24

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Why is the usual interpretation wrong?

- The Bible encourages us to make moral judgments.
- The passage says more than, “Do not judge.”
- Everybody makes moral judgments.

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What does the passage mean?

When you make judgments, do so carefully and charitably.

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Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

Romans 2:1

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## How should we judge?

- Make sure your standard is correct.



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Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness;

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But these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

Matthew 23:23-24

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## How should we judge?

- Make sure your standard is correct.
- Attend to your own sin first.

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## Principles to Apply:

- Err on the side of grace.
- Pray before you confront.
- Judge by God's standards.
- Remember that you are a sinner.
- Seek restoration, not condemnation.



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