



Completing the Picture
Series: *The Sermon on the Mount*, #13
Text: Matthew 7:1-12
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Radical Righteousness In Relating To Others.

1. Using your discernment with correct motives.
(1-5; see also 6:2, 5, 16; 7:6, 15-16; John 7:24; Romans 14:4, 10-13; 1 Corinthians 5:12, 10:15; 1 John 4:1; James 4:11-12, 5:9)
2. Sharing the gospel with discernment.
(6; see also Matthew 10:14; Luke 19:41-44; Acts 13:48-52; 18:6)
3. Relating to all in everything as you want them to relate to you.
(12; see also Leviticus 19:18; Luke 10:25-37)

Radical Righteousness In Relating To Your Heavenly Father.

1. Clarity on how God relates to you and your needs. (8-11; see James 4:1:16-17)
2. Clarity in how you relate to God about your needs.
(7; see also Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 6:10; Mark 11:23-24; John 15:7; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Peter 3:7)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read and think through Matthew 7:1-5. As you think about “Do not judge”, review the references from the outline that touch on judging and not judging. Write out a brief summary or paraphrase of what Jesus is saying in 7:1-5. How well do you line up with this?

Tuesday. 7:6 is a direct and graphic command with a warning. While the gospel is to be given to all peoples or nations (see 28:19), Jesus tells us to use discernment because of the holy nature of the gospel and also the consequences. List some specific examples of situations to which this truth applies—from actual and/or theoretical experiences.

Wednesday. 7:12 is the familiar *golden rule*. Describe both what it says and does not say. In what way is this “the Law and the Prophets?” Is this principle one which you consciously, deliberately live out in all contacts and situations.

Thursday. In 7:7-11 Jesus reminds us of how we are to relate to God about our needs, and gives us a reason for doing this. Why do you think we need the reason (verses 8-11)? Why isn’t healing always given, a restored relationship always found, the door to needed work always opened when God’s people pray? What is Jesus telling us here?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to complete this series in the Sermon on the Mount with *What are you going to do about it?* from 7:13-27. Read these verses in preparation for our time together.