

Proverbs 26:4-5

Answer not a fool according to his folly,  
lest you be like him yourself.

Answer a fool according to his folly,  
lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Matthew 7:1-2, 6

“Judge not, that you be not judged.  
For with the judgment you pronounce  
you will be judged,  
and with the measure you use  
it will be measured to you...

“Do not give dogs what is holy,  
and do not throw your pearls before pigs,  
lest they trample them underfoot  
and turn to attack you.”

## STRUCTURE OF THE PASSAGE

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3. Therefore do this (remove the log!)

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Matthew 5:7

“Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.”

Matthew 7:3-5

“Why do you see 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,’  
when there is the log in your own eye?  
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.”

## Be Not Judgmental

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In your judgments, don't play God!

(That is, don't be self-righteously and presumptuously superior or condemning)

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(That is, DO use discernment and confront sin, but do so from humility, trusting in the standard of God's Word as our rule of faith and life.)

Matthew 7:6

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Matthew 13:45-46

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 10:14

“And if anyone will not receive you  
or listen to your words,  
shake off the dust from your feet  
when you leave that house or town.”

Acts 13:48-52

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

Acts 13:48-52

But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district.

But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.

“For everyone who asks receives,  
and the one who seeks finds,  
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

Matthew 7:9-11

“Or which one of you,  
if his son asks him for bread,  
will give him a stone?  
Or if he asks for a fish,  
will give him a serpent?

“If you then, who are evil,  
know how to give good gifts to your children,  
how much more will your Father who is in heaven  
give good things to those who ask him!”

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,  
who gives generously to all without reproach,  
and it will be given him.

Matthew 7:12

“So whatever you wish  
that others would do to you,  
do also to them,  
for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

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## Be Not Judgmental AND Be Not Gullible!

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In your judgments, be not gullible!

But be bold, being courageous to depend on God  
and courageous to be kind to others

“I am not what I ought to be.  
I am not what I want to be.  
I am not what I hope to be in another world.

“But still:  
I am not what I once used to be,  
and by the grace of God,  
I am what I am.”

~John Newton