

BRIDGES PLUS Study, Pray, Sing **Matthew 7:1-12 (NIV)**

7:1 Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

7:2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

7:3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

7:4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

7:5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

7:6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7:7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

7:8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

7:9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?”

7:10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?”

7:11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Vocabulary

Read the following words and definitions. Then match each word to its definition.

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| 1. judge (v. 1) | a. to crush something with your feet |
| 2. measure (v. 2) | b. to try to find something by looking very carefully |
| 3. speck (v. 3) | c. to decide that someone is bad |
| 4. plank (v. 3) | d. a spot or dot |
| 5. trample (v. 6) | e. standard or scale |
| 6. seek (v. 7) | f. flat piece of wood |

Matthew 7:1-12 Questions

1. Jesus said not to judge (criticize, condemn) others (verse 1). When is it easy to condemn others? What kinds of actions or beliefs are condemned most often?
2. Verse 1 says that if we don’t judge others, God won’t judge us. What steps can a person take so that they stop judging others?
3. Jesus said that God will treat us exactly like we treat others (verse 2). What are some ways you treat others well? What are some ways you have treated others badly?

4. Jesus asked, “Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?” (verse 3). Why is it easier to see other’s faults and harder to see our own weaknesses?
5. Jesus said, “first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (verse 5). How do you “take the plank out of your own eye”? How can we learn to focus on fixing our own problems rather than judging others?
6. Tell us about a time when you weren’t aware of your own problem or when someone else wasn’t aware of their own problem.
7. Jesus said, “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces” (verse 6). When have you offered something sacred (holy) to someone, but they refused it?
8. Jesus said, “ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (verse 7). Tell us about a time when you diligently asked God for something.
9. Jesus asked, “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?” (verse 9-10). What are some good things parents give children? If you have children, what good things do you give them?
10. Jesus taught that since we know how to give good things to our children, “how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him” (verse 11). What are some good gifts that God has given you?
11. Jesus summarized God’s laws by saying, “in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you” (verse 12). When is this hard to do? When is this easy to do?
12. How would the world be different if everyone treated others the way they themselves wanted to be treated?