

Higher Level Judging



**Reading:
Matthew 7:1-6**

1 ¶ Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

2 and he began to teach them, saying:

3 ¶ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

17 ¶ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 ¶ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

26 I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'

28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'

32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

33 ¶ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.'

34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;

38 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

39 But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

43 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

5 ¶ "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray,

7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

16 ¶ "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

1 ¶ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

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.

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?

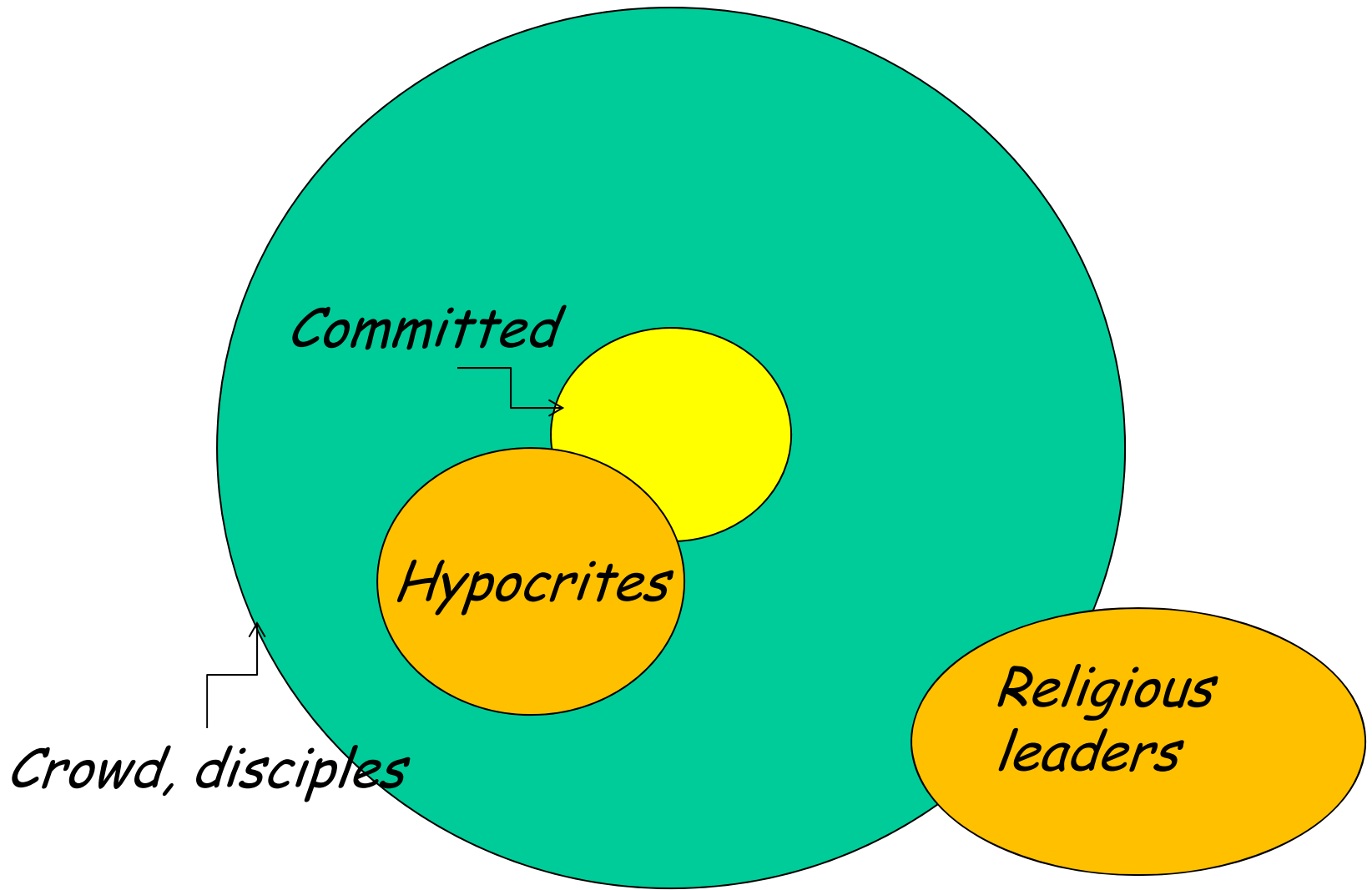
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5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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 then turn and tear you to pieces.

28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.



Committed

Hypocrites

Crowd, disciples

*Religious
leaders*

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Jesus with the disciples/crowd

Ch 5

You have heard

Ch 6

Don't be like the hypocrites

Don't be like the pagans



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perhaps a primitive word; TDNT-3:921,469; {See TDNT 412} v

AV-judge 88, determine 7, condemn 5, go to law 2, call in question 2, esteem 2, misc 8; 114

1) to separate, put asunder, to pick out, select, choose

2) to approve, esteem, to prefer

3) to be of opinion, deem, think, to be of opinion

4) to determine, resolve, decree

5) to judge

5a) to pronounce an opinion concerning right and wrong

5a1) to be judged, i.e. summoned to trial that one's case may be examined and judgment passed upon it

5b) to pronounce judgment, to subject to censure

5b1) of those who act the part of judges or arbiters in matters of common life, or pass judgment on the deeds and words of others

6) to rule, govern

6a) to preside over with the power of giving judicial decisions, because it was the prerogative of kings and rulers to pass judgment

7) to contend together, of warriors and combatants

7a) to dispute

7b) in a forensic sense

7b1) to go to law, have suit at law

- to pass legal **judgment** on; pass sentence on (a person): *The court judged him guilty.*

- to hear evidence or legal arguments in (a case) in order to pass **judgment**; **adjudicate**; try: *The Supreme Court is judging that case.*

- to form a **judgment** or opinion of; decide upon critically: *You can't judge a book by its cover.*

- to decide or settle authoritatively; **adjudge**: *The censor judged the book obscene and forbade its sale.*

- to infer, think, or hold as an opinion; conclude about or assess: *He judged her to be correct.*





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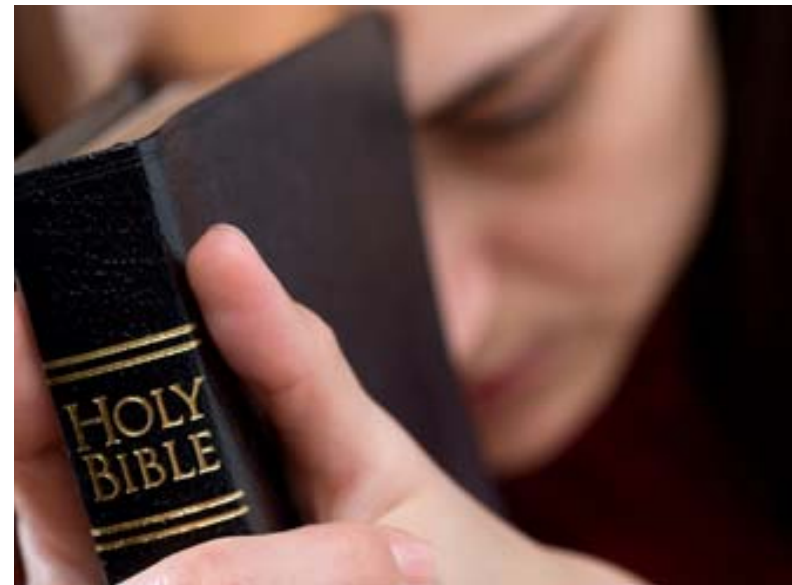
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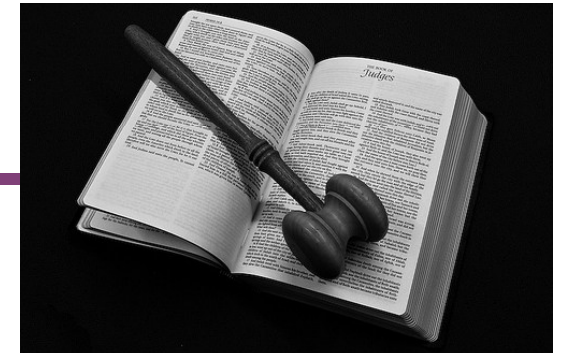
- 1. Judge yourself first***
- 2. Rid yourself of hypocrisy***
- 3. Then and only then...***



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 then turn and tear you to pieces."

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- 1. Judge the holiness of what you offer to others***
 - 2. Judge the recipients of the holy things of God first***





The Lord is the Judge

Reference yourself to His standards

Judge yourself before Him first

Assist others towards perfection in the Lord without hypocrisy

Focus on those who are seeking true discipleship

