Intro: 1 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 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? 4 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? 5 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. 6 “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.

• We talk about this as if we are forbidden to make righteous judgment on a sinful nation. We look at this as if we can call out sin for what it is. If someone is teaching our kids to be a transgender, we can judge them. This is how far we have taken this verse. But Christ is saying be careful that when you judge you will be held to the same standards to which you were judging someone on. People will hold you to the same standard.

I. The complainer will be judged – 1 “Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

a. When a Christian sin’s we should have compassion on them

• Not to excuse what they do but to forgive what they have done. We need not judge based on what we see unless we have overwhelming prove of the sin. Example when you see brother Sam coming out of the bar make sure he was not in there to using the phone (because his car broke down), before you make him out to be a bar hopping acholic.

° 1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Romans 2:1-2

b. The spirit of criticism is never humble or loving

• Have you ever met someone that had such a critical spirit, that they seem to alginate everyone they met. The spirit of being judgmental will do just that. Yes, we in to stand for the righteousness of God, we need to remember criticizing will not get you very many friends.

° 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:16, 17

c. A spirit of criticism seizes authority from God

• God is all powerful and you can never ever limit His power, but when we judgment people for their sins we enter into the world where God says He has all authority to judge because He is the perfect life for us to be judged by.

° 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:17, 18

II. The complainer will fail to examine themselves – 3 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?

a. They will play slide of hand religion

• What I mean by “slide of religion” they will be screaming for someone to look at what Brother and Sister is doing on one hand, and at this is to get you to look away from them and to get you to look at Bro. and Sis. Christian so, you can’t see what they are doing with the other hand.

° 5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 6 I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. 7 But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. 2 Corinthians 13:5-7

b. They will be judged by a fair judgment

• Since God is Holy, Righteous, and Perfect in every way, His judgment will be Holy, Righteous, and fair. We are not holy, righteous, or perfect, so our judgments are tainted with bias, anger, and revenge. We can only have justice and fair judgment if justice is blind, but we took her peepers off years ago. God see all and knows all through he needs no peepers to deliver fair justice.

° 11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day. Psalms 7:11

° 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. 2 Corinthians 8:13, 14

III. The spirit of criticism cannot see their hypocrisy – 3 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? 4 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?

a. Their legalism log is so big that they can’t see

b. Their political log is so big that they can’t see

c. Their educational log is so big that they can’t see – The woke generation need to graduate from the university school of hard knocks.

d. Their blood-line log is so big that they can’t see

• Note they are to pull out from their eye the log that is hindering them from seeing the truth. They are to take responsibility for their not seeing the truth and fixing the problem. We need to start taking more responsibility and that starts by asking the Lord to help us, asking the Holy Spirit to guided us, and asking Jesus to forgive us from our critical spirit.

IV. Don’t give to the judgmental people your value – 6 “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.

• The word holy (hagios) means to be separated for a sacred us. It means something that was not of value now is made valuable sacred, physical, pure, moral blameless or religious, consecrated – most holy one thing, saint. That is why we don’t take precious peals that were once a piece of a grain of sand and through them into a pit full of dirty pigs. So, what are somethings we don’t through back to the critical and judgmental people:

a. Don’t let the super critical people ruin your life

• Listen, those who have a critical spirit don’t care about you and don’t care about anything that is related to your life. That is why they have this critical spirit. If they can make you feel bad, then they can feel good. Don’t let them have that much power over you. They are the ones who live in the pit of slop, not you.

° 45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matthew 13:45-46

b. Don’t give super critical people any power

• Pigs don’t care about how expensive the pearls are, all they care about is the slop that they are slinging and eating. They don’t care about how important you are, how much of a good friend you can be, how much you do have value, all they care about is sling slop that they hope will stick. Just remember that Christ compared them to swine.

° 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. Romans 14:4