The Disciples And Judging Others

Matthew 7:1-5

Intro:

A. This is an oft quoted scripture.
   1. It is used to express one’s independence.
   2. It is used to justify one’s failures.
   3. It is used to excuse one’s sins.
   4. It is used to forbid the condemnation of one’s theological irregularities.

B. The Bible teaches us to judge.
   1. The church is to judge its membership. 1 Corinthians 5:12
   2. We are to judge things pertaining to this life. 1 Corinthians 6:1-5
   3. We are to use righteous judgment. John 7:24

C. These scriptures do not forbid judgment.
   1. They warn us against using a wrong standard.
   2. They warn us against hypocrisy.

I. The Warning Of Jesus Against Judging Incorrectly.

A. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." V.1
   1. judge = κρίνω = to divide, to separate, “to make a distinction,” “to come to a decision"
   2. Stop making bad decisions about people for the criteria you used, they will use to make an uninformed decision about you.

B. “For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: v.2
   1. “For you will be judged by the standard you judge by” - Gspd
   2. Your rule will become their rule.

C. “...and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”
   1. measure = μετρον = “a measure or a rule”
   2. “And the amount you give will be the amount you get.”

II. The Warning Of Jesus Against Hypocrisy.
A. "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye"? v.3
   1. "How is it that you can see..."
   2. mote = καρφος = any small dry particle, chaff, wood, straw, dust.
   3. considerest = κατανοεω = "to perceive or to discern distinctly or clearly"
   4. beam = δοκος = "a beam or a rafter"

B. "Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye"? v.4
   1. pull out = εκβαλλω = "take out," "extract"
   2. "On what grounds will you say..."

C. "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye: and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." v.5
   1. see clearly = διαβλεπω = "throughout"
   2. "you pretender"!