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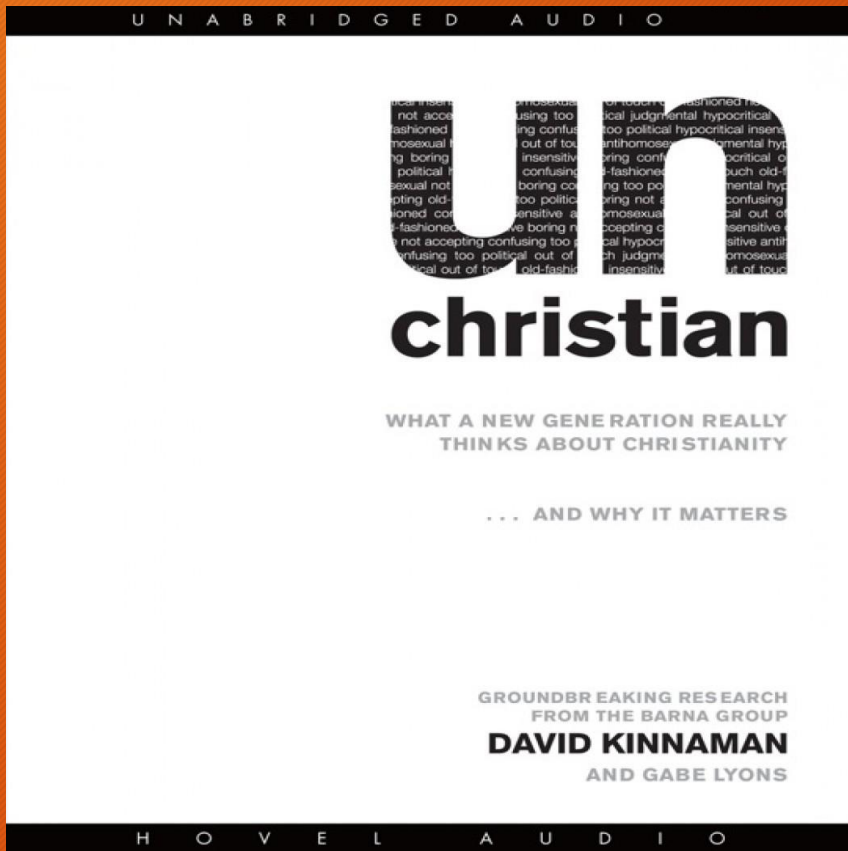


Matt 7.1-5

Judge not, that ye not be  
judged

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# Judge Not . . . Really



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Christianity has an image  
problem . . . .

Christianity has a real problem

# Judge Not . . . Really



# Slow to Judge

7 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you judge you will be judged, and the measure you measure will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your brothers’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

# Slow to Judge

So what did Jesus mean, “Do not judge”?

. . . Don't form an opinion?

. . . Don't express an opinion?



# Slow to Judge



Jesus certainly judged others.

Calling Pharisees and other opponents hypocrites, sons of hell, blind guides and white-washed sepluchres.

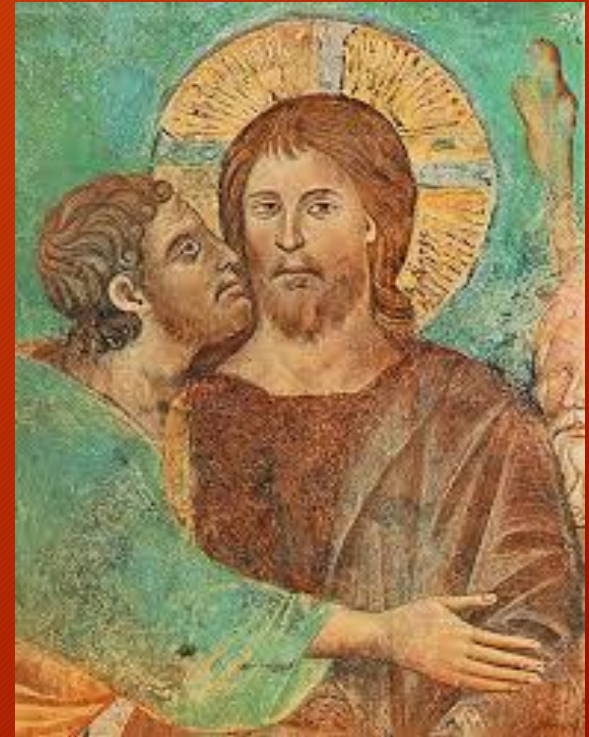


# Slow to Judge

Jesus the sage . . .

Wisdom formula

1. Admonition
2. Rationale
3. Illustration
4. Restatement and explanation of initial admonition



# Slow to Judge

**Admonition:** Be careful how you judge

**Rationale:** You will be judged by the same standard

**Illustration:** The speck in your brother's eye/the plank in your own

**Restatement:** Remove the plank in your own eye first/ then you can help your brother

# Slow to Judge

The Church needs correction from time to time. It ought to be a self-correcting body.

How?

- Harsh tones
- Judgmental
- Holier than thou

No . . . humility

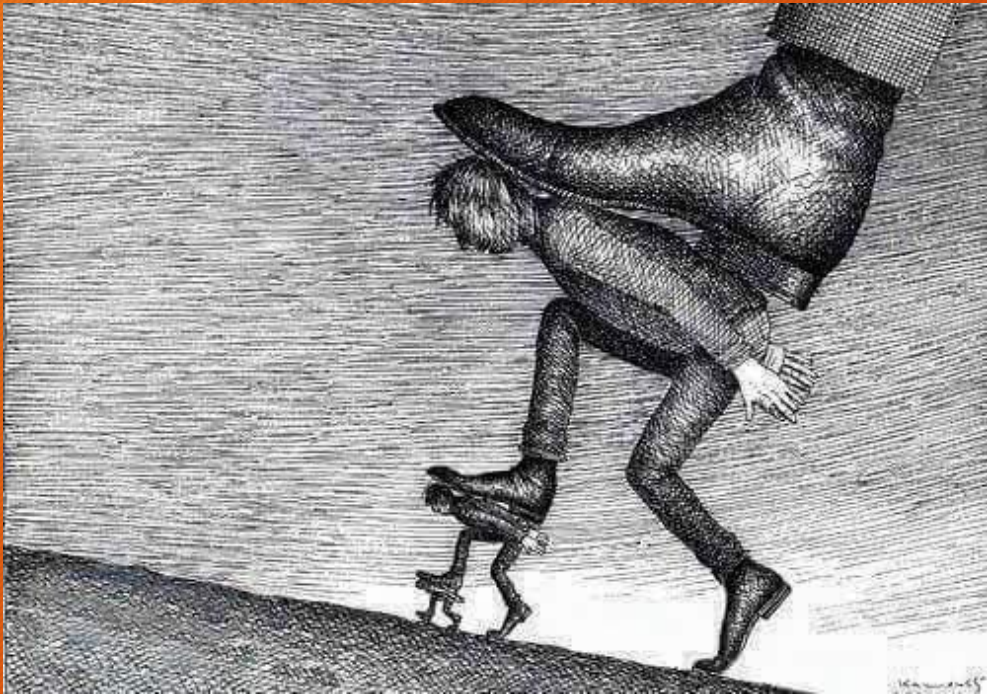


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## Galatians 6:1-3

6 My brothers and sisters, if one *of our faithful* has fallen into a trap and is snared by sin, you who are spiritual gently restore him, being careful not to step into your own snare. <sup>2</sup> Shoulder each other's burdens, and then you will fill full the law of the Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> Don't imagine you are better than those who slip, because you aren't; then you deceive yourself.

# Slow to Judge



## The Church

To correct means to shoulder the burdens.

It's not enough to point out how a person has done wrong and say "fix it, and remember we will be watching."

# Slow to Judge

What does this look  
like in the Church?

Points for  
home/church



# Thank you

Questions?

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