

Last Week - A Challenge For Focus

A. What Are You Setting Your Heart On?

Temporary or Eternal

B. What Are You Seeing With Your Eyes?

What You See Reflects Your Sanctification

C. Who Are You Serving?

D. Where Is Your Focus?

Do not think in the short term

A better perspective of God is needed

Better faith gains better perspective

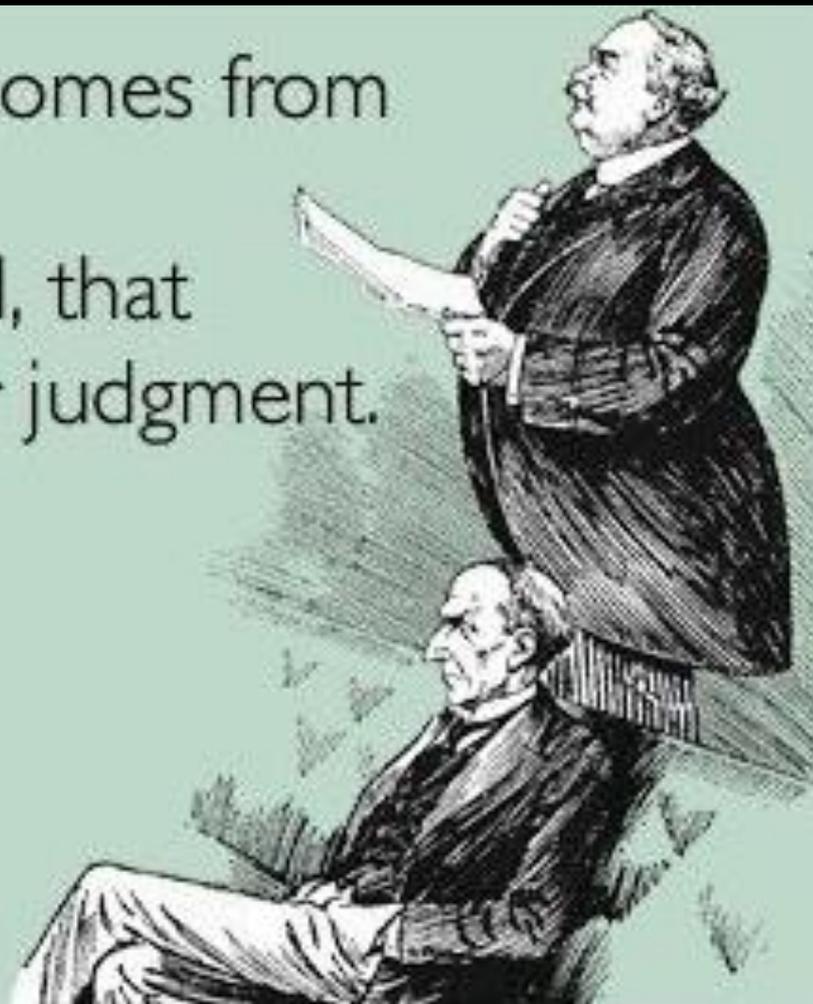
E. What Does This All Mean?

Live In This Day

Good Judgement

Matthew 7:1-12

Good judgment comes from
experience, and
experience ~ well, that
comes from poor judgment.



I. How We Should Judge

Matthew 7:1-5

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

4 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?

5 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.

I. How We Should Judge

A. A command (7:1)

John 7:24

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

John 8:15

Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.

I. How We Should Judge

B. A consequence (7:2)

James 4:11

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

I. How We Should Judge

C. A condemnation (7:3-5)

Lack of spiritual sight

Romans 14:13

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

I. How We Should Judge

D. A cause

Luke 22:23-24

23 And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

I. How We Should Judge

E. A cure

Matthew 23:11

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

II. How We Should Discern

Matthew 7:6

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

II. How We Should Discern

A. In Context

Psalm 137:3-4

3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

II. How We Should Discern

A. In Context - continued

Matthew 27:40

And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Matthew 13:58

And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

II. How We Should Discern

B. In Consideration

Jude 1:18

How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Matthew 5:44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

II. How We Should Discern

**We should act out of
respect for what and
Who is holy**

III. How We Should Pray

Matthew 7:7-11

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

III. How We Should Pray

A. Ask with God in view (7:7-8)

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

III. How We Should Pray

B. Ask expecting God's goodness (7:9-11)

1. In quality

God's least is better than man's best

2. In quantity

God's generosity exceeds man's resources

IV. How To Treat Others

Matthew 7:12

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

A. Change your perspective

It is not about you

B. Change your principles

God's versus man's

Do We Need To Change?

Galatians 5:14

**For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this;
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

1 Timothy 1:5

**Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a
pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith
unfeigned:**

