

Message Notes

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*The Politics Of Jesus
Relating Rightly In The Kingdom
Matthew 7:1-6, 15-23
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- Jesus: Live in your heavenly Father's presence with a _____.
- Judge = _____, weigh carefully <--> readily exclude, _____.

“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.” John 7:24 ESV

Judging Wrongly

- By forming my _____ too _____ & superficially. James 1:19
- By not noticing or letting God deal with my _____. Romans 2:1
- By believing other people's faults are _____ than my own. 2 Sam 12:1-12
- By forgetting God's great _____ to me, that I still _____. Mt 18:32-33

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Matthew 7:1-2

Judging Rightly

- By humbly testing everything w/ _____. Mt 4:1-11; 5:6, 15-20; 1 Jn 4:1
- By pausing to pray: _____ for & _____ God's wisdom. Prov 3:5-8; Mt 7:7
- By speaking the _____ in _____ to _____ others up. Eph 4:15
- By practicing wise _____ w/some. Mt 7:6; 10:16; 15:14; Lk 10:1-11; 23:3,9
- By _____ coming back to a heart of _____. Mt 5:7; 9:13; 12:7; Titus 3:1-7

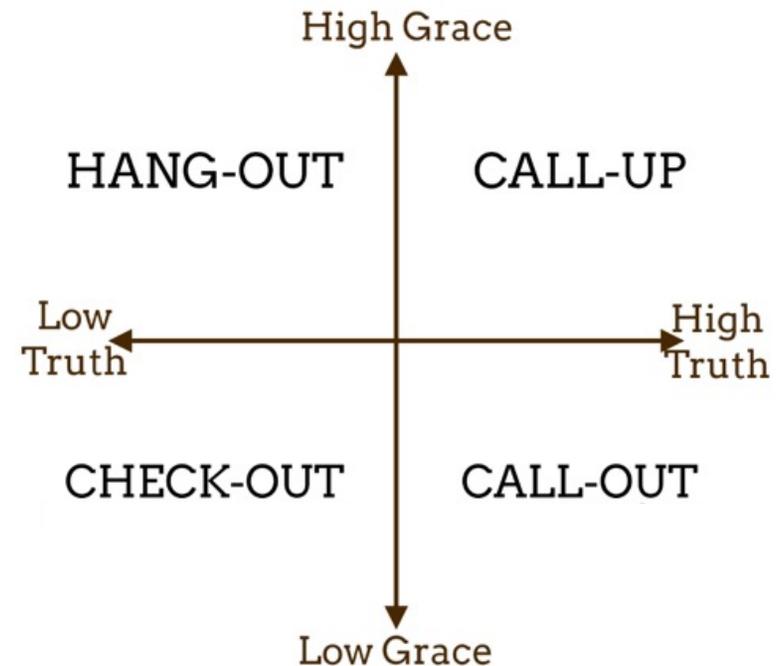
“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.” Matthew 7:6

- Father God, what do You want to _____ today? Psalm 51:10; 139:23-24

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Being Discerning But Not Judgmental

Jesus came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)



Grace = relationship & invitation
Truth = responsibility & challenge

Prayerful Reflection

Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

Heavenly Father, have I become self-righteous before You?

Am I more interested in being “right” or relating rightly?

Am I noticing their faults more than my own faults?

Might there be more going on with this person than I know?

Is there someone You're wanting me to speak the truth in love to?

Is there someone I need to courageously set wise boundaries with?

Am I judging slowly, carefully and mercifully?