

# TAKE THE PLANK OUT

## *What Not To Wear, Part 5*

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*"Do not judge"*  
Matthew 7:1

"Thou shalt not size me up and write me off."

### Why Do We Judge?

Because we are \_\_\_\_\_.

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- The self-righteous are rarely self-aware.

*"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.*

*"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?*

*You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

Matthew 7:1-5

- Following Jesus **never stops** with "what's in it for me."
- Following Jesus is all about leveraging what God has done in me, for the sake of other people.
- Love forbids me to size you up and walk away.

- Jesus on judging: Take the plank out of your eye in preparation for removing the speck from your brother's eye.

### Application: Three Audiences

1. You size people up and write them off: \_\_\_\_\_

- If the sin of others doesn't break your heart, it's probably because your heart has never been broken over your own sin.

2. You size people up and walk away: \_\_\_\_\_

3. You've been sized up, but refuse to listen: \_\_\_\_\_

- Defensiveness ensures that your past will continue to show up in your future.

*\*All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*