**MythBusters**

*Who are we to Judge?*

Matthew 7:1-6 (p. 812)

There are commonly held beliefs about the Bible, God, Jesus and Christianity that are just not true. In each of these areas some might wonder, “who are we to judge?” Today, we continue by looking at the concept of judgment and consider what the Bible teaches on this topic.

Traveling between Toleration Station and Judgment Junction

**Matthew 7:1-6**

**1. Judgment, Condemnation and Discernment**

* + Test everything - 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22
  + Don’t judge by outward appearances - John 7:24
  + Choose to encourage - Hebrews 10:24-25

**2. Buckets and Thimbles**

* + Mercy triumphs over judgment - James 2:12-13
  + Judging outsiders - 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

**3-5. You and me and we got problems**

* + When the family struggles, run toward restoration - Galatians 6:1-2
  + You’re fired - James 4:11-12

**6. Valuables**

* + How does the *Good News* become valuable?
  + Our goal is transformation

*So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.*

*For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.*

*Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

James 2:12-13