

Matthew 7:1-6 & 15-23

International Bible Lesson Applications

1. If we unjustly, hastily, harshly, and unsympathetically condemn people, rather than pray for them or try to help them if we wisely can, we can expect others to condemn and judge us in the same manner.
2. We need to correct our bad behavior before trying to correct the failings of others; otherwise, we will be hypocrites and unhelpful to others and us.
3. We need to recognize those who may be hostile to us, hostile to God, hostile to Jesus, Christians, and Christianity, so we do not unwisely invite their persecution by sharing what is holy to us—our faith in Jesus Christ.
4. We need to keep prayerfully studying the Bible and asking for the Holy Spirit to help us understand what we are reading, so with the Spirit's help we can discern and avoid false prophets and teachers and learn from those who rightly teach the Bible and the way to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
5. Those on the road toward the kingdom of heaven will be known by Jesus and they will do the will of Jesus' Father and our Father in heaven.

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes

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