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Confront your failings

Matthew 7:1–5

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Don't judge . . .

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Don't judge or you will face judgement

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You have bigger faults than
those you're criticising

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'Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.'

Matthew 6:12

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We live in a world where actions can have consequences we could never have imagined, where guilt and shame are more at hand than ever, and where we have no means whatsoever of redemption. We do not know who could offer it, who could accept it, and whether it is a desirable quality compared to an endless cycle of fiery certainty and denunciation.

Douglas Murray, *The Madness of Crowds*



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Put your trust in the right place

Matthew 7:6–12

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What about dogs and pigs?

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- 'I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.'
Entering the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17–20)
- Fourteen ways in which Jesus's kingdom fulfils Old Testament teaching but challenges traditional ideas
- 'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.'
Entering the kingdom (Matthew 7:12–14)

Based on Stassen, Glen H. "The Fourteen Triads of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5: 21–7: 12)." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 122.2 (2003): 267-308.



Fourteen ways in which Jesus's kingdom fulfils Old Testament teaching but challenges traditional ideas

- A. A common tendency
- B. The problem that results
- C. A transforming way of living



Matthew 6:25–34

- A. “No one can serve two masters. . . .”
- B. “Either you will hate the one and love the other”
- C. “Do not worry But seek first his kingdom”



Matthew 7:1–5

- A. “Do not judge . . .”
- B. “. . . or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged . . .”
- C. “First take the plank out of your own eye . . .”



Matthew 7:6–11

- A. “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs.”
- B. “If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”
- C. “Ask . . . Seek . . . Knock . . .”



Ask . . .

Seek . . .

Knock . . .

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'Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not
throw your pearls to pigs'

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Beware the temptation to trust human
institutions

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'Lead us not into temptation . . .'

Matthew 5:13

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**Act towards others as
you would like to be
treated**

Matthew 7:12

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So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

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