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Topic: **Sermon on the Mount (Part 9) - The Christian and his judgement**

Scripture Text: Matthew 7:1-12

1. We make judgements everyday. As Christians, we want to avoid wrong judgements. This is taught in v.1-5. We are to follow good judgements as taught in v 6. Finally, we have to learn what to do with judgements we do not know (v.7-11).

2. We must be careful with our judgements on others as the Bible tells us we will be judged the same way. There is the law of just retributions. We are first to examine our own hearts and make sure we have repented of our own sins before judging others. In judging others, we must show compassion and care to restore them. Hence, this is the meaning to first cast out the beam (big object) from our own eyes before pulling the mote (small object) out of our brother's eyes.

3. The good judgements are when we should preach the Gospel to those who are willing to listen and know when to stop for those who harden their hearts and persecute the believers. Yes, we should persevere on to preach the Gospel but when we are thoroughly rejected, we should also move on to other places where there are ready hearers who want to believe the Gospel.

4. The "don't-know" judgements are when we are in cross-roads and not sure what we to do. Jesus taught us to pray and we must intensify from asking to seeking to knocking. God is our loving and good Heavenly Father who will surely take care of us and help us whether it pertains to our physical needs or spiritual needs.

5. Finally in verse 12, we learn to do unto others what we want others to do unto us. Hence, we must make righteous judgements before the Lord.