

# Hogs & Hounds

Sermon Outline: Hogs & Hounds (Matt. 7:1-12)  
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**Matthew 7:1-12 (ESV)** Judge not, that you be not judged. *(2nd most quoted verse)* **2** For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Often, we take these scriptures out of context, but they only make sense in their family paragraph.

1. Out of context (Don't Judge), in context (Judge rightly)
  - **John 7:24 (ESV)** tells us, **"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."**
  - **Zechariah 8:16** **"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace;"**
  - Reason is "Git what you Give", reiterated in verse 12 (shows these scriptures are all related).
  - **12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."**
2. A judgy (hard & crunchy) heart causes us to be hypocritical blind to our own condition.
  - **3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.**
  - Seeing our sins, humbles us and gives us grace to then help others from a heart of love.
3. Dogs & Hogs are wild & hungry.
  - **6 "Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."**
  - With discernment (**2 things 2 know**): know the gospel's value & know your audience.
  - **Matthew 10:11-14 (ESV)**, **And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.**
  - **John 14:27 (ESV)** **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**
4. How to respond to resistance (with persistence, but don't drive away friends/family).
  - Seek God's heart, pray, ask, seek, knock...to know to whom and how to share.
  - **7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"**
  - **James 4:2-3 (ESV)** guidelines **"You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."**
  - Pray to capture God's burdens for others so we reflect His heart when we act and speak.