

“Personal In-SPECK-tion”

Based on Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

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Matthew 7:1 - "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

† **Jesus is speaking out against the kind of hypocritical, judgmental attitude when I tear others down in order to build myself up.**

Matthew 7:1-2

1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

† **Jesus here is telling me not to judge others, but to judge myself and my motives.**

† **The way I treat others is the way God will treat me.**

Matthew 7:3-5

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

† **Each one of us have sin in our life.**

† **When I take the plank out of my eye, then I can help another.**

† **If I criticize others without dealing with my own sin first, I am applying a standard to them that I am not willing to live up to.**

† **Only God knows each of us fully, and that is why only God can truly judge each and every one of us.**

† **Jesus says that I need to remove both my plank and the other's speck.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† When did I last judge someone?

† When did I last judge myself?

† Do I find it easy to judge others and their faults, yet I excuse my own?

† How “lucky” (blessed) am I to live the life I do?

† What sin (plank) in my life can I focus my attention on ridding from my life this week?
(Don't know? Ask a loved one)