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In week ten of THE GOAT, the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, taught by **JESUS**, the Greatest Teacher Of All Time, we look at the number one most quoted verse in the Bible by Christians and non-Christians...DO NOT JUDGE.

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What is one of the first times you remember being judged? How did it make you feel?

READ Matthew 7:1-2. Jesus tells us to examine our own motives and conduct instead of judging others. Jesus' statement, "Do not judge," is against critical, judgmental attitudes that tear others down in order to build oneself up. It is not a blanket statement against all critical thinking, but a call to be discerning rather than negative.

4 Things the Bible Clearly Says About Judging.

We tend to accuse others and excuse ourselves.

 Don't judge hypocritically. READ Matthew 7:3-5. How many times does He say "Your own eye?". Why do you think it is easier to magnify the faults of others while excusing our own?

There's often a close correlation between our harshest judgments and our deepest struggles.

- 2. Don't judge superficially. READ John 7:24. Watch out for a critical spirit.
 - a. What does it mean to "judge correctly?" **READ Romans 2:1-4.**

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Describe a time when you judged someone superficially. Why do you think it's so easy to do?

Timely advice is lovely, like golden apples in a silver basket. Proverbs 25:11.

- 3. **Don't hold non-Christians to Christian standards. READ 1 Corinthians 5:12-13.** We have not been given the responsibility of judging those who do not trust in Jesus for salvation. What is the difference between giving sound advice to a non-Christian friend, yet not expecting them to hold to our Christian standards?
- 4. Gently and humbly help restore fallen believers. READ Galatians 6:1-2. The body of Christ functions only when we work together for the common good.
 a. READ John 1:14. Do you lean more toward grace or truth?

DISCUSSION QUESTION:

How is God using this message to help you grow?

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Matthew 7:1-5