

I Can See Clearly Now. . .

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*
– Matthew 7:1-6 –

1. The Command (vss. 1-2)

2. The Context (vss. 3-5)

3. The Contrast (vs. 6)

(a) We need to be **PERCEPTIVE**

(b) We need to be **PATIENT**

(c) We need to be **PERSONAL**

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. In this passage, what is Jesus calling for: No judgment? Self-judgment? Fair judgment? Divine judgment? Other?
3. Jesus seems to indicate that there is a place for righteous judgment among believers, but never self-righteous, hypocritical, or unfair judgment. In verses 4-5, what might the speck and plank represent?
4. What is a hypocrite? Does it help to know that the Greek word means “actor”? Why is this word fitting for this teaching on judgment?
5. Do you think the world tends to view Christianity as judgmental? If so, is it ever merited? Can you think of an example where the church or Christians have come across as unnecessarily judgmental?
6. Would the discernment implied in verse 6 constitute judging? What’s the difference?
7. Which action step to the left represents the biggest challenge or growth opportunity for you personally? Explain

