

THE ROCK

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 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? 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? 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.”

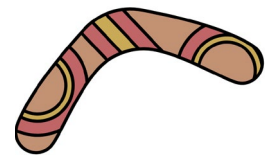
Matthew 7:1-5

Top 2 Criticisms of Christians:

1. Judgmental
2. Hypocritical

1st Do not judge! (i.e. be judgmental)

Boomerang Principle – vs 2
What you throw out, is coming back to you.



2nd Do not be a hypocrite!

hupo-krino

Krino- judge

Hupo- prefix to intensify or flip the word that it is attached to

Instead... do! (vs 12)

“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 7:12

“What is hateful to yourself- do not to someone else.”

-Rabbi Hillel (famous rabbi of Jesus time)

“What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.”

-Confucius

“What you avoid suffering yourself, do not afflict on others.”

-Epictetus (Greek Philosopher)

The change from “don’t do” to “do” is radical!

Jesus bottom line:

Do to others what you wish to be done to you.

Discuss:

1. How has being judged made you feel?
2. Have you discovered the boomerang principal in your life?
3. What is the area of focus the Holy Spirit is showing you regarding ‘the Golden Rule’ (Matthew 7:12)?
4. What are the top 2 criticisms against Christians? Any areas of attention you need with either of these?