Daily Reading Plan
Matthew 7:1-6

Jesus calls us to examine our own hearts before confronting the faults of others, to practice humility and discernment, and to treat others with grace.

Monday | November 23, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus begins with a strong warning: “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” He is not telling us to ignore sin or abandon discernment. Scripture calls believers to recognize right and wrong and to lovingly help one another.

Jesus is confronting a judgmental spirit—a heart that is quick to condemn others while failing to recognize its own need for grace.

Apply: Think about how quickly you tend to notice the faults of other people. Ask God to help you respond to others with the same grace and patience that He has shown you.

Respond: Ask the Lord to guard your heart from becoming judgmental and to help you see others with humility, grace, and compassion.

Tuesday | November 24, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus says that the measure we use to judge others will be used to measure us. The way we evaluate and respond to other people's failures often reveals something about our own hearts.

We should never forget that we also stand in need of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Apply: Consider the standards you use when evaluating other people. Are you demanding perfection from them while making excuses for yourself?

Respond: Remember how much grace God has given you. Ask Him for a humble heart that extends to others the grace you have received from the Lord.

Wednesday | November 25, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus uses the picture of a speck and a log to expose hypocrisy. The problem is not that we notice the speck in someone else's eye. The problem is trying to remove someone else's speck while ignoring the much larger problem in our own eye.

Jesus calls us to self-examination before correction.

Apply: Before confronting someone else's weakness, take time to ask God what He may want to change in you. Honest self-examination can make us more humble and more helpful.

Respond: Ask God to show you the areas of your life that need attention and to help you deal honestly with your sin before you attempt to correct someone else.

Thursday | November 26, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus says, “First cast out the beam out of thine own eye.” The word “first” is important. Jesus establishes the proper order: examine yourself first, deal with your own sin, and then you will be able to help someone else more appropriately.

Humility does not mean ignoring our weaknesses. It means dealing honestly with them before God.

Apply: Is there an area of sin, attitude, or behavior that God has been bringing to your attention? Rather than focusing on someone else's shortcomings, take time today to respond to what God is showing you.

Respond: Ask the Lord to give you courage to face your own sin honestly and help you repent quickly.

Friday | November 27, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus does not end His teaching by saying we should never help someone with a problem. After removing the log, He says, “then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.”

There is a right way to confront sin. It should come from humility, love, self-awareness, and a genuine desire to help—not superiority or condemnation.

Apply: When someone needs correction, examine your heart first. Ask whether you are approaching the person because you love them and want to help them follow Christ or because you simply want to point out that they are wrong.

Respond: Ask God for wisdom to confront sin and to help you speak truth with humility, love, and a genuine desire to help others grow.

Saturday | November 28, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Explain: Jesus closes this section by teaching about discernment. His followers are not called to be naïve or to treat every situation exactly the same way.

Christian love includes both grace and wisdom. We should avoid a condemning spirit while still recognizing what is holy, valuable, and true.

Apply: Ask God to help you grow in both grace and discernment**.** Look for opportunities to encourage others rather than criticize them, while also learning to recognize situations that require wisdom and appropriate boundaries.

Respond: Ask God for the wisdom to know when to speak, when to listen, when to correct, and when to show patience.

Sunday | November 29, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 7:1-6

Before you look for the speck in someone else's eye, let God examine your own heart.

This week, when you are tempted to criticize or judge someone, pause and ask: ***“What does God want to show me about my own heart?”***

Then, if correction is needed, approach the other person with humility, love, and a desire to help—not to condemn.