

## **TOLERANCE**

*Courageous: Living Out Your Faith in a New World - Part 3*

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**Matthew 7:1-5**

### **What Is Jesus Saying?**

#### **1. AVOID JUDGMENTALISM.**

*“You may be saying, ‘What terrible people you have been talking about!’ But you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you do these very same things....Can't you see how kind he has been in giving you time to turn from your sin?”*

*Romans 2:1, 4b (NLT)*

#### **WHY?**

**Point: Because every person matters to God, has a free conscience and should be treated with dignity.**

*“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well...Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.” Psalm 139:14, 16 (ESV)*

#### **2. MAKE BIBLICAL JUDGEMENTS.**

*“For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.” Matthew 7:2 (ESV)*

#### **REMEMBER**

- **Not every opinion is equally valid.**
- **To disagree is not disrespect.**

*“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:14-15 (NIV)*