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When Christians are UnChristian

Matthew 7 says, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." The most common feeling from non-Christians about Christians is that we are too judgmental. In fact, when Barna surveyed young adults across America, they found that of those who didn't go to church 87% felt Christians were too judgmental. What you say and what you do, reflect your relationship with God to others. Hypocrites or "pretenders" did not live just in Biblical times. "They live among us."

1st Step

Matthew 7:1-5

Matthew 23:23-24

Luke 6:1-8

Galatians 2:22-23

Step In

Prayerfully, read Luke 12:1-3. And let the Lord's words be in our hearts. Amen.

What do you think Jesus was talking about when he said, "the yeast of the Pharisees"?

Rd Mt. 7:4-5 Why are we prone to point out others' sin without recognizing our own?

Step Up

Jesus drew "sinners" to himself, and had words of judgment for the "religious." He identified them as hypocrites who failed to love. An accusation made against professing Christians today. Share examples of Christians or the Church being unChristian. How does that makes you feel as a Christian?

How can we take this criticism seriously as individuals and the church?

Step Out

Rd Gal 2:22-23 Describe what it would look like to follow Jesus' example of love? What are positive ways we can:

Stop doing right things for wrong motives or reasons?

Stop "majoring in the minors?" (focusing on trivia and ignoring substance)

Stop pointing out faults and sins of others, rather than working on our own?

Sermon Notes