

5 People Guidelines

8 Values: Humility, Mourning sin (others), **Gentleness, Righteousness** (hunger/thirst),
Mercy, Heart Purity, Peacemaking, Fear of God (persecution)

5 Internal Enemies of the 8 Values: Anger, Lusts, Religious Performance,
Demand for Justice, Right to Withhold Love

5 Practices that Cultivate the 8 Values: Service, Prayer, Forgiveness, Self Denial,
Generosity

1 Demonic Attack: Anxiety/Worry/Fear

5 People Guidelines - because People are usually the Problem

1. **Don't Judge People** (Mt 7:1-6)

(1Co 2:15) But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.
condemnation (krino) vs examination (anakrino)

(Ro 14:4) ⁴Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed,
he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

We Don't Judge People because they are His

exception: authority (Jn 7:24, Pr 18:13, 17 - requires proximity)

Warning: we establish our own standard (vs 2) - mercy, gentleness (Gal 6:1 restorative)

(1Co 11:31-32) ³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are
judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

Only purpose of pre-final judgement is Redemptive (vs 3-5 brother - relational)

Prerequisite: self examination (heart)

Heart Posture: Hunger for Righteousness, Humility, Service, Gentleness, Mercy

Warning: unauthorized eye poking (vs 6)

(1Co 4:3-5) ³But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human
court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not
justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the time,
until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the
counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

all of our judgements, even of ourselves, are flawed

2. **Pray** (Mt 7:7-12) - Specifically, Intimately, Persistently (Lk 18:1-8)

Golden Rule (vs 12) - context of People (not stuff - Mt 6:25, 33)

Pray for Power (Lk 11:13) to Live the SotM with deeply flawed People

3. **Fear God** (Mt 7:13-14) - vs Fear of Man (crowd)

difficult = afflicted - 8th Value (2 Tim 3:12)

Warning: don't compromise His narrow SotM ways for the sake of peace

Stuart: People are often more Offended at His Mercy than His Judgements

4. **Know Your Leaders** (Mt 7:15-20) - beware of false (worldly) guidance
concern isn't accurate information, but Compromising Influence

(Rev 2:20) Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

outward vs inward - selfish hearts (vs 15)

evaluate by Fruit (8 Values), no longer outward accuracy (Dt 18:20-22)

requires observation, only necessary for personal application (labels)

NT Design: Local Church, Spirit Led Individuals (5 fold ministry, elders)

Purpose of Prophecy: Alignment with God - now personal (Hearts)

(1Co 14:3) But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. (observation - tailored individual encouragement)

You want leaders that connect people more to Jesus than to themselves.

You want leaders who model the pursuit of a SotM Lifestyle. (vs outwardly impressive)

5. **Know Your Community** (Mt 7:21-23) - beware of compromising influence

Outward Declarations & Actions vs Obedience & Intimacy

Lawlessness: not necessarily outlaw, just own law

(1Jn 2:3-4) ³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

(Jn 13:34-35) ³⁴"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

not earning or proving - Obedience is Evidence of Intimacy (goal)

You want a community that pursues Intimacy with Jesus and obedience to SotM lifestyle.

1 Truth: Jesus' Word (Mt 7:24-28) - Authoritative

Life's Storms will come to everyone

the only Stability in this world is in Doing the SotM