



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

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January 3

Be Fair When You Judge Other People

Sing with me

Judge not by Bob Marley and the Wailers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEOyaZI9kR0&list=RDBEOyaZI9kR0&index=1>

Memory verse: Luke 6:37 NIRV

37 If you do not judge other people, then you will not be judged. If you do not find others guilty, then you will not be found guilty. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Scripture

Read with me: Luke 18:9 – 14

9 Jesus told a story to some people who were sure they were right with God. They looked down on everyone else. 10 He said to them, “Two men went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed. ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people,’ he said. ‘I am not like robbers or those who do other evil things. I am not like those who commit adultery. I am not even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week. And I give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood farther away than the Pharisee. He would not even look up to heaven. He brought his hand to his heart and prayed. He said, ‘God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.’

14 “I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. All those who lift themselves up will be made humble. And those who make themselves humble will be lifted up.”

Matthew 7:1 - 5

Be Fair When You Judge Other People

7 “Do not judge other people. Then you will not be judged. 2 You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others.

3 “You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend’s eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. 4 How can you say to your friend, ‘Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye’? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye? 5 You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend’s eye.

Message

Let us talk about it

You are asked to be a judge at a class beauty show. However, you are not told what to look for in your judging. So, you ask yourself. What am I judging? Think about it! When we judge another person, we are criticizing them. We think we are better than them. We point out the problems we see in the person. Look at this parable which Jesus told about the Pharisee and the tax collector. (Luke 18: 9 – 14) Jesus wants to teach people the importance of praying with the right attitude.

This parable is aimed at those who think they are very righteous and look down on others – that is, the Pharisees. Jews had to pray three times a day and people would go to the temple for private prayer. The Pharisee stood up to pray, which was the usual practice. The Pharisee prayed about himself, informing God of the wrong things he had not done, “I am not like other men – robbers, evil-doers and adulterers”. Then he spoke about the religious practices he had observed, fasting twice a week and giving tithes. The Pharisee thought he was praying, but he was only praising himself.

The tax collector, on the other hand, put his head down and kept hitting himself to show how sorry he was for his life. He knew he was a sinner and he knew he needed God to forgive him. Nobody can be proud of himself in front of God. The men went home but only the tax collector

had pleased God, as he had been humble and asked for forgiveness. A person's attitude is important to God.

Let us pause a moment. Suppose you were the person being judged. What will the class think about you? Jesus commands us to love one another, which includes accepting and caring for each other, no matter what. All that we do should be aimed at pleasing God. In Matthew 7:1 – 5, we were cautioned about judging others. Do not criticize other persons before taking a good look at yourself. Are you sure that your actions are pleasing to God? Many times, we put other people down for things that we do, too! We do not see these things in ourselves, but we notice them in others. It is easier to put others down than to try to change ourselves. Jesus wants us to first remove any obstacles from our lives that will prevent us from properly seeing what other people are doing.

The story is told of a woman, who every time she looked out of her window at her neighbour's washing, she saw that the clothes on the line still looked dirty. She was very critical of her neighbour's washing. One day, when she looked out, the clothes looked very clean. She was happy for her neighbour. She finally got her washing clean. When she told this to her husband, he quietly replied that he had cleaned the window.

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on how clean the window is through which we look. So, don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your view of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

Jesus says that we should stop judging others. When we feel like we want to say something bad about someone, we can cover our mouth, pray, and then say something nice about them instead. God will be happy when we do that!

Let us pray

Dear God, help me not to judge other people or point out what they're doing wrong until I've looked at what I am doing wrong. Help me to be more concerned about changing what I do before I try changing what other people do. Amen.

Activity

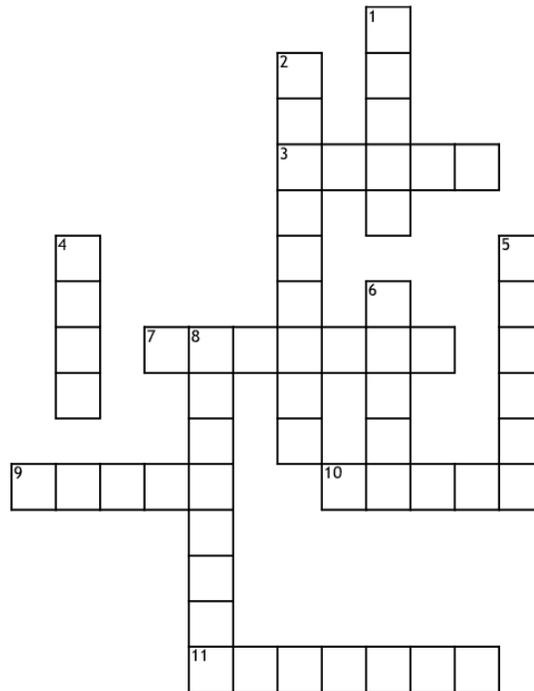
Complete the following crossword puzzle. Read Matthew 7:1 – 12.

Share it with your friends.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Matthew 7:1-12 Judging Others/ Ask Seek Knock



Across

3. Jesus says to take the ____ out of your own eye first
7. World's greatest kids rock teacher
9. Do not _____ others
10. the one who _____ finds
11. Hey, whats that in your eye, brother?

Down

1. Hey dad I'm hungry can I have some ____ to eat
2. Someone who says not to do something, but does it themselves
4. Knock and the ____ will be opened
5. Treat ____ like you want to be treated
6. no son, eat this _____ instead
8. Everyone who asks, _____

(Solutions next week)