

Matthew 7:1-29

v2 – measure	(noun)	a standard quantity used in a system of measurement (e.g. 1 cup; 1 metre)
v3 – sawdust	(noun)	dust and small pieces of wood that are produced when you saw (cut) wood
v3 – plank	(noun)	a long, flat, rectangular piece of wood
v5 – hypocrite	(noun)	someone who is pretending to be something they are not; an actor
v6 – sacred	(adjective)	dedicated for use in worshipping God
v6 – pearls	(noun)	a hard, round object that grows inside an oyster and is used to make expensive jewellery



v6 – trample	(verb)	step heavily and carelessly on something
v7 – seek	(verb)	look for; search for
v12 – ‘the Law and the Prophets’		the Old Testament
v13 – narrow	(adjective)	measures a very small distance from one side to the other
v13 – broad	(adjective)	measures a very large distance from one side to the other
v13 – destruction	(noun)	the state of being so severely damaged that it is completely ruined
v15 – prophets	(adjective)	people who receive words from God and speak them to God’s people
v15 – ferocious	(adjective)	very violent and fierce
v15 – wolves	(noun)	



v16 – figs (noun)



v16 – thornbushes (noun)



v16 – thistles (noun)



v17 – bear	(verb)	produce fruit, flowers or leaves
v22 – prophesy	(verb)	speak God’s words to God’s people
v22 – demons	(noun)	evil spirits who are against God and God’s people
v22 – miracles	(noun)	wonderful and surprising events that are believed to be caused by God
v25 – foundation	(noun)	the layer of a building that is below the ground and which the rest of the building is built on

v27 – streams	(noun)	small, narrow rivers
v27 – crash	(noun)	a sudden, loud noise
v28 – amazed	(adjective)	filled with surprise
v29 – authority	(noun)	the power and right to command others

Matthew 7 (New international Reader's Version)

¹ "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.

⁶ "Do not give holy things to dogs. Do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they might walk all over them. They might turn around and tear you to pieces.

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ Everyone who asks will receive. The one who searches will find. The door will be opened to the one who knocks.

⁹ "Suppose your son asks for bread. Which of you will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or suppose he asks for a fish. Which of you will give him a snake? ¹¹ Even though you are evil, you know how to give good gifts to your children. How much more will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² In everything, do to others what you would want them to do to you. This is what is written in the Law and in the Prophets.

¹³ "Enter God's kingdom through the narrow gate. The gate is large and the road is wide that leads to ruin. Many people go that way. ¹⁴ But the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to life. Only a few people find it.

¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you pretending to be sheep. But on the inside they are hungry wolves. ¹⁶ You can tell each tree by its fruit. Do people pick grapes from bushes? Do they pick figs from thorns? ¹⁷ In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit. But a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree can't bear bad fruit. And a bad tree can't bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down. It is thrown into the fire. ²⁰ You can tell each tree by its fruit.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who do what my Father in heaven wants will enter. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord! Lord! Didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we drive out demons in your name? Didn't we do many miracles in your name?' ²³ Then I will tell them clearly, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who do evil!'

²⁴ "So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash."

²⁸ Jesus finished saying all these things. The crowds were amazed at his teaching. ²⁹ That's because he taught like one who had authority. He did not speak like their teachers of the law.