

**commUnity Part 6:**  
**How to See Transformation in Your Community**  
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**1.** **Do not** judge others

*Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)*

We re-frame our judging others by thinking:

- a. I'm not judgmental, I'm just \_\_\_\_\_
- b. I'm not judgmental, I'm just \_\_\_\_\_
- c. I'm not judgmental, I'm just \_\_\_\_\_

If I withhold judgment, people might think

I am guilty by \_\_\_\_\_  
I am \_\_\_\_\_ their behaviour  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth

*"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

Why is it wrong to judge others? Because our frame of reference is obscured  
It's obscured by:

Our biggest obstacle to seeing change in our community is \_\_\_\_\_

It's not "Love the sinner, hate the sin", but "love the sinner, and hate \_\_\_\_\_ sin"

- 2. Use God's Word more as a \_\_\_\_\_, and less as a \_\_\_\_\_

*Listening and Doing - My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless*

*is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.* James 1:19-27 (NIV)

- a. Listen to \_\_\_\_\_ people, not to \_\_\_\_\_ them
- b. *To see change in your community, you need to look in the mirror and see change in yourself.*

*How? I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:5 (NIV)

### Areas Of Our Lives Where God May Want To Change Us As We Abide in Jesus

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Guilt (false)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sadness                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bigotry                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatred                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-centeredness                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bossiness                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Impatience                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-gratification                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Causing dissension                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Impulsiveness                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-indulgence                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conceit                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Impure thoughts                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-justification                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled by emotions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Indifference to other's problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-pity                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Controlled by peer pressure                | <input type="checkbox"/> Inhibited                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-reliance                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covetousness                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Insecurity                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-righteousness                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critical tongue                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Jealousy                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-sufficiency                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deceitfulness                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Laziness                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual lust                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow to forgive                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominance                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lust for pleasure                | <input type="checkbox"/> Stubbornness                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug dependence                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Materialistic                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Temper                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drunkenness                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Negativism                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Unloving (of the unlovely)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Envy (depressed by good fortune of others) | <input type="checkbox"/> Overly sensitive to criticism    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanity                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Passivity                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of rejection                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prejudice                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Workaholic                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of stupidity                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Profanity                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Worry                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of weakness or helplessness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Projecting blame                 |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prone to gossip                  |  |