

**From Pride to Humility**  
**Matthew 7:1-12**  
**Formation, 1**  
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**Step out of the relational cycle of keeping score.** vs. 1-2  
"Judge not, that you be not judged"

**Why do we like to judge?** vs. 3-4  
"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye?"

Pride springs from a heart of self-protection.  
"but (you) do not notice the log that is in your own eye"

Pride produces a blindness to reality.  
"how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye'"

**How do we respond to the Spirit?** vs. 5-12  
(or, insights into how the Spirit moves us toward humility)

Be honest about our tendency toward pride.  
"You hypocrite!"

Confess our own sin and stand in grace.  
"first take the log out of your own eye"

Relate out of brokenness, not measurement.  
"then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye"

Recognize the need for discernment.  
"Do not give dogs what is holy ..."

Live with questions that lead you to prayer.  
"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find ..."

Relate from a place of empathy, not certainty.  
"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them"

**QUOTE:** Humility is a heart that says, "I don't know. Let me check into that ..."