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## INTRODUCTION

The attitude of "The Good Life" was established in Matthew 5:3 and its implications become dramatically evident in 7:3-5.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the right attitude result in experiencing the good life?

Read Matthew 7:1-5

2. How does being "poor in spirit" impact your desire to point out the "speck" in others?
3. What does a judgmental or condemning attitude reveal about an individual?
4. How would you define Jesus' use of "judge" in this passage?
5. Who has the qualifications or right to judge another? (Jeremiah 17:9-10; John 8:7; Romans 14:10-13)

Read Matthew 18:21-35

6. What principles of forgiveness and reciprocity do you see in this passage?
7. Is it possible to weigh your imperfections and sins differently than those of others?
8. In what moral or ethical ways do you often consider yourself superior to others?
9. How can you adjust your attitude in light of Sunday's message?

## MOVING FORWARD

It is easy to diminish or become familiar with the plank in our own eye, while pointing out the minor speck in another's. However, it is not a matter of major versus minor imperfections. In order to see the blessing of forgiveness and extend forgiveness to others the seriousness of our errors needs to be apparent. This week pray for a humble and "poor spirit".