



**Can God Trust Us**  
Matthew 7:1-12, p.679  
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Last week's message challenged us with the truth that *God can be trusted*. The trust theme continues here at the beginning of chapter 7 only this time it is as if *God wants to know if He can trust us*.

Here's what God wants to trust us to do:

1. God is trusting us not to ***play God***. (7:1-5)
2. God is trusting us to exercise ***wise discernment***. (7:6)
3. God is trusting us to ask Him ***for help***. (7:7-11)
4. God is trusting us to obey for ***the right reason***. (7:12)

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**ONE THING: *God is trusting us to do our part.***

**Miss something?** Completed sermon notes are available online. Binders to organize your sermon notes are available at the upstairs Welcome Desk.

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize the Sermon on the Mount.
- Courageously ask God to show you your plank.
- Take some extended time with those around you to give thanks to God this Thursday.
- Pray for gospel impact through Bethlehem Live.

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### KEEPING IT REAL

- 1 Has there been a time when you criticized someone for something that you later realized you were guilty of yourself? What did you learn from the experience?

### LOOK AT THE BOOK

- 2 Read and compare Matthew 7:1-3 with Luke 6:37-38. What do these passages reveal to us about God's view of fairness and justice?
- 3 Matthew 7:7-11 reminds us to ask and it will be given to us, yet we have all experienced times when we do not receive what we ask for. What insights does James 4:2-8 provide in this context?

### TAKING IT FURTHER

- 4 Spend time this week seeking God's desires for you and ask Him for the good gifts you need to live a life fully devoted to Him.

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Who You Are](#)

[Living Hope](#)

[Build My Life](#)

[Great I Am](#)

[Just as I am \(Woodworth\)](#)

[When I Survey](#)

[The King is Here](#)