

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

Lesson 9, Matthew 7:1-6, 15-23, NIV

HOW DO YOU RATE?

Ask your fellow class members about their experiences with rating systems. Try to have various class members initial each one of these statements about ratings.

- _____ 1. Had a 3.0 or better grade point average in high school.
- _____ 2. Knows credit score.
- _____ 3. Last movie seen was rated PG.
- _____ 4. Has never eaten at a five-star restaurant.
- _____ 5. Has recently had a performance review at work.
- _____ 6. Reads book reviews before reading a book.
- _____ 7. Owns a car with a high MPG rating.

TRUE OR FALSE?

This is an easy true/false test—because all the following statements are false according to our lesson text! But just to make it a challenge, be ready to explain why the statement is false and correct it.

- ___ 1. Being a critical person has no negative consequences for the critic (vv. 1, 2).
- ___ 2. Since we are imperfect, “Do as I say, not as I do,” is good advice (vv. 3-5).
- ___ 3. When someone refuses to listen to your advice, keep giving it until they surrender (v. 6).
- ___ 4. Of course, you can judge a book by its cover! (v. 15).
- ___ 5. There is really no good way to tell whether a person’s advice and teachings are worthy of being followed (vv. 16-20).
- ___ 6. We should accept a person’s spiritual testimony at face value (vv. 19-21).
- ___ 7. Miraculous signs and grand accomplishments are a sure sign that a person walks with God (vv. 22, 23).