

# Judging and asking

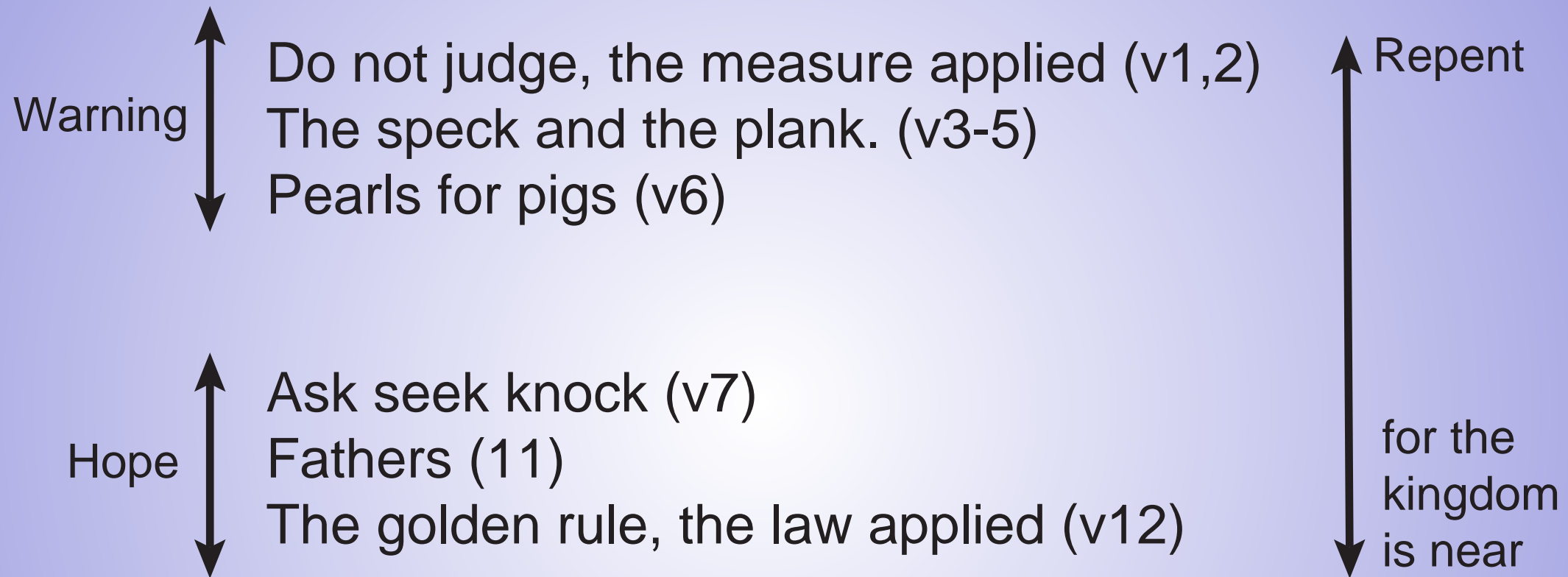
Matthew 7:1-12

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The new way to judge.

If you, then, ***though you are evil***, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! (NIV Mt 7:11)

The old way to forgive.



## The judge, the measure, the plank

Judge and accused suffer the same taint.

Compassion, not condemnation.

Forgive because we have been forgiven. (6:12)

## Pearls for pigs

Accused and judge and suffer the same taint.

Pigs see no benefit in jewellery (v6)

It is not in their nature

They will probably turn on you

Humans see no benefit in God's words

It is not in their nature

They will probably turn on you

Game over?

## Ask, seek, knock

**Ask** for the kingdom to come (6:10)

**Seek** first the kingdom (6:33)

**Knock** to gain admittance to the kingdom

The kingdom lifestyle

Salt, light of the world, the city on a hill (5:13,14)

Light welcomes the traveler, exposes the burglar

Expect the right outcome from the loving Father

## The golden rule

In everything do to others what you would have them do to you (v12)

Forgive rather than condemn  
because you know you need forgiveness

Be generous and honest  
because you don't like being ripped off

Be patient and friendly  
because it hurts when people are rude to you

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near