

Assume the BEST.

When **WE** do something bad, we often blame our **circumstances** ("I couldn't see that car because of the sun!"). But we don't extend that same grace to others—when **THEY** do something bad, we say it's because of **who they are** ("That guy's a horrible driver.")

This **judgmental mindset** can isolate us, cause conflict, and make us cynical. God calls us to give others the **grace** that we want to receive ourselves.

TOOL: Remind your student to assume that others have **GOOD intentions**, but to also act with discernment. When you catch yourself or your student judging someone harshly, stop and try to come up with a more **gracious** explanation. Remember: nobody is perfect.



*For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. **Matthew 7:2***