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Matthew 7:28-29**

Do you remember what Jesus has taught in the greatest sermon ever preached? It's hard, due to the sheer volume of material but, from another perspective, it's easy: Your outward character will/must reflect your inward commitments.

I. The Character of Citizens in the Kingdom
(5:2-16)

In this section we encounter the _____. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the mourners, those hungering and thirsting for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Your GRADE:)

As we live the beatitudes, we are called to be the _____ of the earth, the _____ of the world. (Your Grade:).

II. Righteousness in the Kingdom (5:17-7:12)

In this next section of the SOTM, Jesus preaches concerning the righteousness requirement. Does your righteousness exceed that of the pharisees? _____. How is your thought life? Does anger play a

role in your life? Jesus knew that our _____ life directly leads to what we _____.

A fully devoted follower of Jesus is going guard his/her _____, a result of us guarding our hearts and minds. How would you grade yourself here? _____ Adultery is not a word we hear too often. The physical act of adultery doesn't begin there. It begins in the mind. Jesus revealed in the sermon that a person who thinks those thoughts is as guilty as someone committing the physical act. Jesus continues here to proclaim a faithfulness to purity in marriage as well.

Is your yes, a yes? Is your no, a no?

Do you love your friends and family? Jesus commented that that's what even unredeemed people do. Do you love your enemies? Grade: _____

Chapter 5 ends with this compelling command: Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Chapter 6 begins by checking the sincerity of our devotion to God. Remember He mentions the core foundation of righteousness in our giving, our praying

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and our fasting. How would you grade yourself?

Are you withholding forgiveness from someone?
Does your life embody the forgiveness the gospel requires?

Do you have a proper understanding of the providence of God? Grade: _____ If you do, what role does anxiety play in your day to day life?

Chapter 7 really is all about judgment. He begins the chapter with a harsh rebuke of those who are standing in judgment of others. Our Savior likens people who stand in judgment of another to someone having a steel girder in their eye, while attempting to remove a metal shaving in someone else's. Grade: _____

Have you spent an inordinate amount of time on those who continue to demean Jesus, His gospel and His people? Grade: _____

Do you go on asking, seeking and knocking when praying?

III. Entering the Kingdom (7:13-29)

Have you determined the gate you entered? How about the road you are traveling?

Do you understand there are 2 kinds of prophets?

Do you understand there are 2 kinds of professions?

Do you understand there are 2 builders?

Do you understand there are 2 foundations?

How did His listeners respond?

They seemed to be more impressed with His _____ in preaching rather than His content.

At the end of the day, Jesus is interested not in how we view His sermon. He is interested in our _____.

I don't know about you but, after reading and studying His sermon, I know my righteousness doesn't exceed that of the pharisees?

What must I do to be saved?