

Authenticity Sessions Wisdom Lessons



**In His
Own Words**

Impactful Teachings By Jesus Christ

Jesus' Inaugural Address

25 Foremost Subjective Teachings

You have heard ... But I say to you...

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Dedication

I'm dedicating this book to my family, friends, and associates who have demonstrated good friendship throughout my life.

Preface

I've found that in most movements things are the purest in the beginning, then they seem to get modified. Modifications are too often moving things away from the original and for the benefit of those who do the modifications. We saw how the Sanhedrin completely corrupted the Old Testament model to the point God had to retire it completely. The New Testament churches aren't far behind the Sanhedrin. So before God intervenes in humanity again, I thought I'd get these declarations published and available for people to review what Jesus actually taught. The reason this book is written was to supply humanity with the values Jesus originally intended.

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Heavenly Standards Purpose

Purpose for Jesus' heavenly standards are for each person to enter into Christianity, mature, become fruitful, and fulfill their earthly destiny before graduating to heaven!

Introduction

Affecting Earth With Heavenly Standards

Jesus came from heaven to earth, with attributes such as purity, perfection, completeness, supremacy, and inviolableness, to introduce a new form of life built on these absolute heavenly standards. His level of superiority was so far above everyone else, but few recognized it. He affected many people by bestowing upon them these standards, then He bestowed these key teachings to His followers.

God made man to be like Him and Jesus delivered the open door for anyone to enter in, to become more Godly. God wants our heart and Jesus removed every blockage withholding us from giving Him our heart.

By selecting Jesus as Savior we exit humanity and enter into Christianity, a brand new form of life and lifestyle. As we pursue discipleship, we get to know Holy Spirit, learn Jesus' teachings, develop, and then bestow grace and gifts upon humanity, like Jesus did. Affecting earth with heavenly standards is available for every believer.

Humanitarian Independence

England's Magna Carta 'Great Charter of Freedoms' (considered one of the most important legal documents in the history of democracy), and the colonist's Declaration of Independence gave birth to political movements of historical magnitude. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount or Declaration of Kingdom Doctrines gave birth to a Spiritual movement with eternal significance.

In these teachings He was able to:

1. Remove ignorance (illumination of darkness)
2. Build confidence and understanding (reveal truth and set people free)
3. Develop spiritual esteem to motivate (inspire followers to be Godly)

As Jesus ushers in these kingdom doctrines many times he pointedly teaches the Israelites that what they have been taught, by hirelings, was either in error or watered down (to ineffectiveness). He then completely replaces old teachings with new doctrine by openly instructing, "You have heard" (been taught) ... "But I say to you (bring freedom and new life)..."

Major Spiritual System Shift

The effect of this was the severance from the Old Covenant Sanhedrin system to the new direct experiential system, from the Law and all the Levitical practices to grace, faith and simple truths to comply with. In this, Jesus declares His Father's heart for all who have ears to hear, eyes to see (who really seek the truth) to set the captives free. He reiterates this "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor (humble); he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable (favorable) year of the Lord. (Luke 4:18-19, KJV)

Synthetic Debases Authentic

Anytime an original model is reduced it does carry an effect. The further each revision is distanced from the original the less effective it usually is. This is due to the replacement of original standards, truths, and practices.
Hence, the better we find and stay on Jesus' narrow road model, the more effective and the more favored we should be!

Church Forms

Since Pentecost, Jesus' church keeps morphing into a variety of models to meet so many variations of needs. Society has so many needs, and God is meeting them with an equal amount of variant solutions that only He could inspire so many people to fulfill. Each church or ministry has its own purpose, personality, and its own model format. Depending on church membership bystander comfort vs. experiential hunger preferences, each demonstrates where each body is in its faith. These factors and others can and do modify, as needs and as beliefs mature, grow, and shift. The church is out of Jesus Himself, Who is still the only mediator, advocate, and leader. When Jesus' and Holy Spirit's influence wanes, tradition increases, and often effectiveness diminishes. That's when you hear the church calling for revival, the Pentecostal reawakening of a dead church, to jump start the cycle again. I expect new forms of gospel communication to be developed by those inspired to do so. As history records, the church is malleable, and will continue as Holy Spirit and Jesus lead it into its final phase.

Find Your Destiny

Ask Holy Spirit What His Plans 4 U Are!

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. All at your own discretion!

Observation of Why, What & How?

Why is this so important?

If something is important to you, you will make it your business to know it, and where possible you will make it part of you as well. Since these are the opening declarations of Jesus, I thought it wise to know what He taught and to pay attention to the details, in order to study to get the benefit. My observation is that these simple teachings may seem insignificant, but they are very profound, the more we give them time to enlighten us. He did make 15 reversals in the “I say to you” passages.

What if there was a reciprocating benefit or a consequential effect based on the intensity of the attention that we give to Jesus' teachings? If you pay close attention to what you hear, the closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. To those who listen to Jesus' teachings, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them” (Mk 4:24,25, NLB).

Jesus teachings are sacred, but more than that, they are extremely interesting to see what He had to say, and how He addressed many issues. His Sermon on the Mount has significant ramifications on many issues. I loved the revelation He delivers on so many important issues. As a son, heir, and adopted child of God, I am studying these things and sharing them, with many cross references, to help increase the enlightenment Jesus delivered to mankind.

FIPO: For Internal Purposes Only!

These teachings are meant to apply to ourselves, not to others. As these teachings are spiritually absorbed, we become lights and salt and sometimes actually remove the plank in our own eye before we try to help somebody else with their speck.

Operating from new benchmarks takes time of awareness and activation to overcome issues and crossover thresholds. Jesus' Inaugural Address offers significant intelligence that can bring peace of an eternal future in Christ. Knowing that believers have already passed out of death and into life, and that **salvation is THE major lifetime transition**, and that when our earthly life concludes that the roots of that salvation continue to carry our divine nature into heavenly eternity. But while we are still on earth, there are issues to face, sin to overcome, truth to activate, intellectual and experiential thresholds to crossover and new benchmarks to operate from. Jesus' teachings offer solutions and the guidance needed.

What is so remarkable about this part of the Gospel, and why is it more important?

Fundamentals are always primary. A student can't learn algebra before they learn math. These are important, or Jesus wouldn't have taught them initially. The reason so many fall, fail, and become retarded to spiritual maturity is that they never took into account these basics. Jesus even explains in item #25, 7:24-27 the difference between those who are wise and those who are

foolish. It's remarkable how few pay attention. If more did, every civil citizenry would be more unified, more impactful with heavenly standards (not PC), and less problematic.

Saint's New Position (feed root to produce fruit)

If I don't know what Jesus taught, how can I comply with it? The understanding of these doctrines position Saints to move on into a better understanding of the things of God, so we can practice His abundant life. Isn't it interesting that after Jesus preached this sermon he spent two chapters demonstrating miracles (Matt Chapter 8 & 9), then He sent them out in Matt 10!

Jesus' parable of soils examines the quality of my soil. Does it require tilling, so Word seeds and roots will go deep? If I do not know His Word, I cannot think, speak, or act upon His Word. As Christians our thoughts, words, and deeds are our spiritual signature (DNA) and our defense against the enemies. Holy Spirit and the Word will prevail to those who seek truth. Holy Spirit is our best teacher, (although there are those who serve in teaching), because He is the ONLY one who can illuminate (shed the darkness), reveal (give rhema revelation) and motivate (give inspiration and direction). The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God (Rom 8:14). Review these "declarations of independence" that Jesus has taught and move into His abundant Zöe life ("everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man") (Matthew 7:24 NASB). Our model is Jesus, and our goal is to mature into Him and do His natural and supernatural works.

How does this affect me?

Longterm, this is the best investment we can make. A very quick analysis of how this will affect me is in two areas. The first is item #24. I just don't want to hear that "***Depart from me***" line. I am willing to make it a priority to avoid that. I'd much rather hear "***welcome good and faithful***". The other issues that effects me are items #21-23, which give clear boundaries, guidance, and expectations for expectance. Nobody can say Jesus didn't clearly identify these. Saying I didn't know is futile. As the old saying goes, being for-warned is being for-armed. These effect me today, tomorrow, and forever.

Cramming For Finals?

**If we enter into Jesus for salvation,
then we no longer have to cram for finals,
because we've crossed over from death to life!**

MATTHEW CHAPTER 5

Chapter 5 Introduction



Jesus ushered in the Kingdom of God with new principles. **“You have heard...But I Say to you...”**

Blessed is the opposite of ‘woe’ and it means ‘fortunate is’. Here Jesus exposes and amplifies His literal ‘fortunes’ from heaven. These are primary and powerful and fundamental for all. Christian favor can evade those who bypass Jesus’ teachings.

When you see the Beatitudes do you realize the depth of importance they serve? Here are eight qualities (keys) so deep and relevant

that, I believe, they serve as required footings to formulate a basis so that the balance of the doctrines could be recognized. Then they can be observed, understood and used to build the kingdom of God in our lives. I wondered why Jesus started off with these until I was able to study them. I do a further analysis in the Kingdom Card series too. Holy Spirit revealed some serious disclosures once I had eyes to see. Jesus single-handedly exposed that the arrogant, self-centered, self-made, egotistic, impatient, bitter, uncaring, inconsiderate, impure, accusers, slanderers and distorters are excluded from hearing and seeing His kingdom and entering in. By His declaration, those practicing these bad behavioral traits appear to have prevented themselves from God’s favor. On the contrary, Jesus builds a new spiritual esteem for His true followers. It is derived through the practice of humility, self-acknowledgement of spiritual needs, modesty, peacefulness, patience, deep longing for God, compassionate, considerate, pure, **single minded and dedication.**

These very simple sayings are not just sayings. If Jesus started His opening comments with these they are His top priorities and worthy to be observed, acknowledged and practiced. Activating these builds confidence in Gods kingdom standards to mature and begin abiding in Christ.

The Eight Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
 - a) "Humble men are very fortunate!" He told them, "for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them." Matt 5:3 TLB
 - b) "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. (Message)
2. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
 - a) "Those who mourn are fortunate! for they shall be comforted." Matt 5:4 TLB
 - b) "You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you. (Message)

3. "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."
 - a) The meek and the lowly are fortunate! for the whole wide world belongs to them. Matt 5:5 TLB
 - b) The meek surrender every issue to Jesus and His control, patiently, without bitterness.
 - c) **"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less.** That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought. (Message)
4. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
 - a) "Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied." Matt 5:6 TLB
 - b) "You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat. (Message)
5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."
 - a) "Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy." Matt 5:7 TLB
 - b) "You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for. (Message)
6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
 - a) "Happy are those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God." Matt 5:8 TLB.
 - b) The pure in heart do not try to serve God and the world simultaneously.
 - c) "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world. (Message)
7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."
 - a) "Happy are those who strive for peace, they shall be called the sons of God." Matt 5:9 TLB.
 - b) Peacemakers bring about sozo (salvation and healing).
 - c) "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family. (Message)
8. Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
 - a) "Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." TLB
 - b) "You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom. (The Message Version)

#1) The Beatitudes - Fundamental Foundational Footings

And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

And opening His mouth He began to teach them, saying,

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1.1. "And as My Father has appointed a kingdom and conferred it on Me, so do I confer on you [the privilege and decree]," (Luke 22:29 AMPC)

- 1.2. *"Listen, my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen **those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith** and in their position as believers and to inherit the kingdom which He has promised to those who love Him?" (James 2:5 AMPC)*
- 1.3. *Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet **He gives grace to the afflicted.** (Proverbs 3:34, NASB).*
- 1.4. *God is opposed to the proud but **gives grace to the humble** (James 4:6).*
2. **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**
 - 2.1. *"Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy. (John 16:20, NASB).*
 - 2.2. *"But go and learn what this means, 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13, NASB).*
3. **Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.**
 - 3.1. *evildoers will be cut off; But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land. (Ps 37:9).*
 - 3.2. *But the humble will inherit the land, (Psalms 37:11, NASB).*
 - 3.3. *The righteous will inherit the land, And dwell in it forever. (Psalms 37:29, NASB).*
 - 3.4. *For the upright will live in the land, And the blameless will remain in it; (Proverbs 2:21, NASB).*
 - 3.5. *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no-one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility towards all men. (Titus 3:1,2, NIV).*
4. **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**
 - 4.1. *And after He had sent the multitudes away, He went up to the mountain by Himself to pray;... (Matt 14:23, NASB).*
 - 4.2. *He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12, NASB).*
 - 4.3. *And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray. (Luke 9:28, NASB).*
5. **Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**
 - 5.1. *The merciful, kind, and generous man benefits himself [for his deeds return to bless him], but he who is cruel and callous [to the wants of others] brings on himself retribution. (Proverbs 11:17 AMPC)*
 - 5.2. *"With the kind and merciful You will show Yourself kind and merciful, with an upright man You will show Yourself upright," (Psalm 18:25)*
 - 5.3. *"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15 NLT)*
 - 5.4. *"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father." (John 10:18, NASB).*
 - 5.5. *"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. (John 4:34, NIV).*
 - 5.6. *"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (John 5:30, NASB).*
 - 5.7. *"There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you." (James 2:13 NLT)*
6. **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**
 - 6.1. *"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." (John 6:40, NASB).*
 - 6.2. *"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24, NIV).*
7. **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**
 - 7.1. *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (Mark 4:39, NIV).*
 - 7.2. *He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." (Mk 5:34).*
8. **Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

8.1. "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matthew 8:17, NIV).

8.2. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4,5, NIV).

9. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

9.1. Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God. (1 Peter 4:12-16, NASB).

9.2. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

9.3. for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. (Romans 14:17,18, NASB).

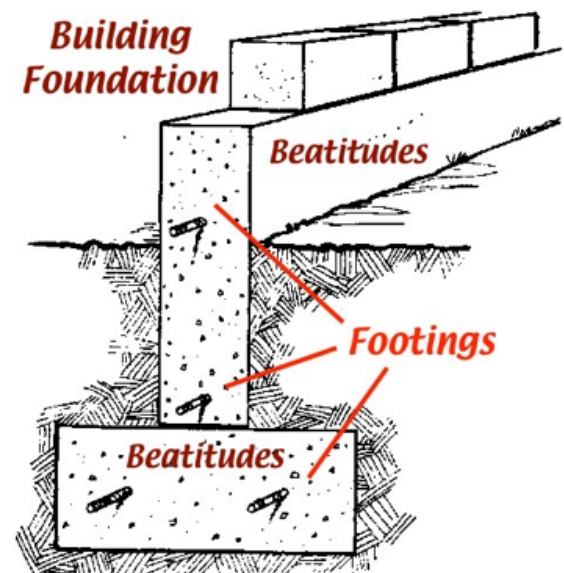
Recap Notes:

1. The Humble (not arrogant) and persecuted have the Kingdom of Heaven and great reward
2. The Mourners (those who acknowledge they have spiritual needs) are comforted
3. The Gentle (modest and patient without bitterness) inherit earth
4. The Hungry (expressed by deep longing) for God are satisfied with divine order
5. The Merciful (compassionate, considerate and helpful with total identification with another's situation) receive mercy
6. The Pure in heart (those who've secured their hearts in God) see God face-to-face
7. The Peacemakers (active efforts to bring about grace, peace and salvation) become Sons of God
8. The persecuted (insulted, falsely accused, slandered, rejected) for righteousness have great reward.

Remember Jesus instructs us in Matt 5:43-48 to love your enemies, bless those who curse you. He even teaches us to rejoice when under persecution. James reminds us to persevere under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, (James 1:12, NASB).

These could be considered the footings to the foundational teachings Jesus delivers throughout this sermon.

Prayer: Father, Thank you for the illumination and removing the darkness, for revelation and revealing great and mighty truth and also for sending Jesus to initiate your kingdom in my heart.



#2) The Similitudes – Christians Are Salt & Light / They've Entered Into Jesus!



Matthew Henry Commentary, 1707: Ye are the salt of the earth.

Mankind, lying in ignorance and wickedness, were as a vast heap, ready to putrefy; but Christ sent forth his disciples, by their lives and doctrines to season it with knowledge and grace.

Jesus is encouraging those and us to follow Him and His model (Jn 15:5). Just as the Father called Him, He calls the saints (and we call others) into the kingdom. Jesus' illustration of men being lights is a very powerful message. Like God, dispelling darkness, and illuminating goodness for others is a very simple and effective way to relay the gospel. His first illustration of salt (you are the salt...) addresses God's purpose for us to season people with His ways of listening, loving, giving, and bearing burdens.

13. ***"You are the salt of the earth;*** but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.
14. ***"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.***
15. ***"Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.***
16. ***"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.***

Elaboration Verses:

- ***"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. "You are the light of the world-like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. NLT 13&14***
- ***Let light shine out of darkness made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 1 Cor. 4:5***
- ***whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, (Philippians 2:16, NASB).***

Light is a symbol of salvation and abundant life. Salt and light are indispensable. A Christian's character, motives and relationships are like a city on a hill, easily seen. Disciples' good works (especially the beatitudes) are like lights seen before men that glorify God. Those who follow Jesus are the salt of the earth giving it the flavor of the Father and the light, illuminating the Kingdom of Heaven. Christians are to let God's light flow through them, attract those in darkness to bring them the gospel, glorifying God. Christians do not have inherent light, but reflective light that exhibits the glory of Jesus.

Prayer: Father, thanks for Jesus and giving me Your light so I can be a light for You in my world. I will try to let Your love and ways salt and flavor the lives that I touch.

Consequences of Salt and Light

Being a light, by quietly exposing the darkness of sin and politically correct elitist lifestyle and religious revisionism is part of true Christianity. Jesus, Peter, Paul, Luke, John, and James weighed in on this important phenomenon to forewarn and prepare saints. Because of Jesus' light within saints, it shines out wherever saints go. Even before any discussion, Christ's light

precedes us. If you add to that testimonials and supporting factors that conflict with others belief systems the light can cause avoidance, resistance, and rejection. See corroborating verses:

- *“If you’re abused because of Christ, count yourself fortunate. It’s the Spirit of God and his glory in you that brought you to the notice of others. If they’re on you because you broke the law or disturbed the peace, that’s a different matter. But if it’s because you’re a Christian, don’t give it a second thought. **Be proud of the distinguished status reflected in that name!**” (1 Peter 4:14-16 MSG)*
- *“God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. (Matt 5:11-12 NLT)*
- *“Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.” (Luke 6:22-23 NIV)*
- *But they will treat you like this on account of My name, because they do not know the One who sent Me. (John 15:21)*
- *“So they went out from the presence of the council (Sanhedrin), rejoicing that they were being counted worthy [dignified by the indignity] to suffer shame and be exposed to disgrace for [the sake of] His name.” (Acts 5:41 AMPC)*
- *“He considered the contempt and abuse and shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward and away to the reward (recompense).” (Hebrews 11:26 AMPC)*
- *“Blessed is the man who **remains steadfast under trial**, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”(James 1:12 ESV)*
- *“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant or slave above his master. It is sufficient for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant or slave like his master. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub [master of the dwelling], **how much more will they speak evil of those of His household.** [II Kings 1:2.]” Matthew 10:24-25 AMPC)*

I’m listing these for anyone who has a need to understand this phenomena and to prepare for this. When you experience it, you won’t be so surprised.

1. Abused because of Christ (1 Peter 4:14-16 MSG)
2. People mock you, persecute you, lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you (Matt 5:11-12 NLT)
3. People hate you when they exclude, insult, and reject you (Luke 6:22-23 NIV)
4. They treat you bad, because they don’t know God (John 15:21)
5. Contempt, abuse and shame are wealth (honor?) (Hebrews 11:26 AMPC)

I’ve witnessed many of these and ministered to others who have been victimized as well. Just because being rejected, mocked, abused and persecuted may be badges of honor in God’s kingdom, they still carry quite a sting to us. Maybe that is why Jesus commanded saints to love each other, to be unified, and to encourage one another. We see in Matthew 10:24-25 that Jesus reports to saints that if He was targeted, so will His disciples be.

Jesus suffered abuse, mockery, persecution, was lied about, hated, excluded, insulted, and rejected, all because they never knew God. Be prepared to witness some of these because your

in Jesus. It just goes with the territory. Jesus brother James has a word of encouragement to remain steadfast, persevere, stand your ground under trials.

We, as saints in Christ, do carry God's light and salt to flavor our spheres of influence. Remember darkness and evil can cause persecution, but can't extinguish light. As we remain steadfast, persevere, and stand our ground under trials, the attributes of light will continue to expose and dissolve darkness. In addition, as we listen and dialogue, our solutions can flavor the gospel to become more appetizing, and open hearts to hear.

#3) Jesus Has Already Fulfilled The Law And Made It Obsolete For Saints



Jesus did ushered in the kingdom of God under the ceremonial levitical law, and said He was going to discard it. He knew the law had to remain active in order to convict mankind of their sin and make them aware of their need of a savior (Gal 3:19, 23). However since the law and grace do not coexist (Gal 4:21-31) and the law cannot deliver us from sin (Rom 7:1-6), Jesus set a standard surpassing those who practice the law. He knew His purpose was to fulfill the law and redeem mankind so He made it clear that His doctrines were not to coexist with the Sanhedrin practices. Luke 18:11-12 is used as a cross reference for Matt 5:20, where Jesus exposes ostentatious attitudes and reports negatively about them.

To demonstrate that **the law and grace don't coexist** Jesus exposed and declared some interesting observations to enlighten us.

- Jesus declares the tithing Pharisee unjustified and also exposes His condescending heart and pride.
- The parable of the Vineyard owner demonstrates how God has made obsolete the clergy system.
- In Matt. 17: 25-26 Jesus demonstrates how the sons of God are exempt from the Temple Tax because it was an atonement tax (Ex. 30:13-16). Since Jesus is the atonement, and Christians are at one with His atonement, thus, they are exempt.

Jesus came to serve and not be served so let's continue to see what His teachings are here:

17. *“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.*
18. *“For truly **I say to you**, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. (See John 19:28-30 for fulfillment acknowledgement)*
19. *“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*
20. *“**For I say to you**, that **unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees**, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel (the Northern Kingdom) and with the house of Judah (the Southern Kingdom), not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke**, although I was a husband to them,” says the Lord. “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the*

Lord, "I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and **I will be their God, and they will be My people**. And each man will no longer teach his neighbor and his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me [**through personal experience**], from the least of them to the greatest," says the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness, and I will no longer remember their sin." (Jeremiah 31:31-34 AMP)

- **And I will give them one heart** [a new heart] **and I will put a new spirit within them**; and I will take the stony [unnaturally hardened] heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh [**sensitive and responsive to the touch of their God**], **That they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them**. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. (Ez 11:19-20 AMPC)
- Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, **I came to accomplish their purpose**. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. (Matt 5: 17&18 NLT)
- "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21
- Later, **knowing that all was now completed**, and so that the **Scripture would be fulfilled**, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." NLT John 19:28
- For **Christ is the end of the law** for righteousness to everyone who believes. (Romans 10:4, NASB).
- "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail. (Luke 16:17, NASB).
- "The Pharisee took his stand ostentatiously and began to pray thus before and with himself: God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men—extortioners (robbers), swindlers [unrighteous in heart and life], adulterers—or even like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain. But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favorable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the especially wicked sinner that I am! **I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man**; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:11-14 AMPC)
- Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. **Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law**. (Galatians 3:23-25, NIV).
- But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, NASB).
- So **Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free**, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. **For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off (severed) from Christ!** You have fallen away from God's grace. (Galatians 5:1-4, NLB).
- "Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down." (Galatians 2:18 NLT)

Recap Notes

This is a **most important subject** for Christians to get their bearings on their new life in Christ. Jesus fulfilled the laws intention completely and perfectly as he validated the teachings of the prophets foretold by Jer 31:31-34 and Ez 11:19-20. In these scriptures the promises and demands of God's kingdom surpass those of the old covenant. **It is important for us to note that surpass means to know and do these demands before we teach them**, as opposed to the Pharisees who substitute their own traditions for the word (sought own interests and loopholes, evaded truth, did their own will instead of God's will). Jesus taught here that if your righteousness is based on legalism and tradition it is too low (inadmissible for kingdom entry?) and went on show what this means throughout His teachings.

The law continues to stand today for two very important reasons, to convict mankind of sins (showing he needs a savior, Gal 3:19) and to lead us to Christ (so we get saved Gal 3:23-25). Jesus states He did not come to abolish (remove) the law, but to fulfill it. Not even the smallest letter or stroke will be removed until all is accomplished. In John 19:28, John reports that the fulfillment is complete now: **knowing that all was now completed**, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. So why does the Law continue? Because of transgressions, ... until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made. (Galatians 3:19, NASB). See Galatians 3:23-25 that discusses for on faith and the law. As soon as all of the humanities' laggards get saved, maybe the rest will be fulfilled. But as long as mankind has sinners it still needs the law.

Jesus has declared he came to fulfill the law and he completed that, and His fulfillment did make the levitical ceremonial law obsolete for Christians because Jesus is the end of the law and the beginning of grace. Paul amplifies this by further declaration that Jesus is the end of the law (Rom 10:4). Christians become one with God, as they transition from sinner to Saint, and from the wide road to the narrow road, and from death to life! Faith in Jesus removes the supervision of all ceremonial law and the need of a clergy laity mediated (covering) system. Jesus and Paul even warn us of the effects of pathetic practices (Luke 18:1-14), and looking back (Luke 9:62 & Gal 2:18 and 5:4) and practicing the law; unfit for kingdom of God and severed from Christ, due to rebuilding the system Jesus discarded and replaced.

Prayer: Father, now I know that your grace is sufficient alone for me. Jesus, thank you for ushering in your kingdom and imputing to me Father's grace, mercy, love and favor. Grow and mature me for your agenda and deploy your life in me.

#4) Murder – Anger – Slander - All Deal Killers For God!



Attaching anger and slander to murder demonstrates the severity of the issue. God's will has always been for a peaceful unity, and to extend grace to each other, since He has had to do that for us.

Jesus in speaking to disunity is exposing relational disparity and irreconcilable differences as murder and anger. In John he commands believers to love one another. Here in verses 23 and 24, Jesus is says that offerings presented under any unreconciled relationships offer no value to God. So these are worthless! So slander, anger, and murder are all “deal-killers” to God.

21 “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’

22 “But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, ‘Raca,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

23 “If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

25 “Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Truly **I say to you**, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last cent.

Elaboration Verse:

- But each one is **tempted** when he is carried away and **enticed** by his own lust. Then when lust has **conceived**, it gives **birth** to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it **brings forth death**. (James 1:14,15, NASB).

Matthew Henry Commentary, 1707: The Jewish teachers had taught, that nothing except actual murder was forbidden by the sixth commandment. Thus they explained away its spiritual meaning. Christ showed the full meaning of this commandment; according to which we must be judged hereafter, and therefore ought to be ruled now.

- **All rash anger is heart murder.** By our brother, here, we are to understand any person, though ever so much below us, for we are all made of one blood.
- "Raca," is a scornful word, and comes from pride:
- "Thou fool," is a spiteful word, and comes from hatred.
- Malicious slanders and censures are poison that kills secretly and slowly.

Christ told them that how light soever they made of these sins, they would certainly be called into judgment for them. We ought carefully to preserve Christian love and peace with all our brethren; and if at any time there is a quarrel, we should confess our fault, humble ourselves to our brother, making or offering satisfaction for wrong done in word or deed: and we should do this quickly; because, till this is done, we are unfit for communion with God in holy ordinances. And when we are preparing for any religious exercises, it is good for us to make that an occasion of serious reflection and self-examination. **What is here said is very applicable to our being reconciled to God through Christ.** While we are alive, we are in the way to his judgement-seat; after death, it will be too late. When we consider the importance of the case, and the uncertainty of life, how needful it is to seek peace with God, without delay!

Recap Notes

Anyone angry with a brother or sisters, accusing them with negative name-calling is guilty enough for the same punishment of murder. Don't bother to present anything (worship, prayer or gift) to God until you have patched up any harmful behavior with those required by Him. Tough standard but can be done. Rest in Holy Spirit, wait on His signal and He will direct.

Prayer: Father, forgive me for my transgressions. I need Your help to be an over comer. Please fill my heart to help me control my thoughts so I can bridle my tongue. I choose to bless, not curse, and be used to build Your kingdom on earth.

#5) Adultery – Every Marital Relationship Is Under Permanent Fidelity

Adultery is defined as consensual sexual intercourse between a married person and a person other than the spouse. Other descriptions are unfaithfulness, infidelity, cheating, fornication, extramarital sex.



Many of the characteristics of matrimony are similar to God's relationship to His family. Christianity is modeled in permanent fidelity. If anyone thinks it is temporary, then they've missed the mark, and may still need to recalibrate this issue. Maybe that is why Jesus taught this as item number 5.

God demonstrates His Agape Love through His divine permanent fidelity model by continuing to sustain all life through His self-existent life. So then He would know the catastrophic consequences of breaking that model. Since God is sustaining humanity, it becomes obvious He is continuing his faithfulness toward us collectively and individually.

As Christians shift from a carnal to a divine nature model, they see things differently, and because they're indwelt by Holy Spirit they now have the focus, power, and perseverance to successfully practice a divine permanent fidelity. In this they become more like God, or Godly. More on this in the 5 Elementals: <https://golog2day.com/5-elementals>

Sinners, those who choose to live without Holy Spirit (through rejection or resistance), cannot understand the things of the spirit. It's not because they won't, it's because they just can't, they're incapable, blinded, until they turn to God. Adulterous actions are indicative of who people are and the contentious lifestyle choices they've made. These selections don't effect God, but do effect each person and family, as we see the consequences on them.

These require interventional prayer for a breakthrough. As we intercede for them, we're joining Jesus in reconciling humanity to Christianity, and we're binding darkness and demonic influences and exerting enlightenment, Agape love, and Zōe Life. As we apply prayer we influence them to see and hear more clearly, to receive their own faith, to crossover from sinner to saint. Saints have the keys to drive this agenda, and the more who apply prayer, in agreement, the more power is exerted.

If I am a Christian, who does my flesh belong to? Myself? My Spouse? My significant other? Jesus?

If I am a Christian, I am married (joined to) to Jesus. If also I have an earthly spouse, I am married to that person too. I also realize that all Christian singles belong to Jesus and are His to honor and respect, and all Christian marriages belong to each other and Jesus. Do not allow any thoughts to defile us (for self-gratification). Jesus takes a very deep subject and brings it into focus.

27 **"You have heard** that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

28 **but I say to you**, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 "And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

30 "And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell.

Elaboration Verses:

- Do not allow your eye to look upon the nakedness of another. (Lev. 18:6-17)
- 'If there is a man who lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them. (Leviticus 20:11, NASB).
- And He was saying, **"That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.**" For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." (Mark 7:20-23, NASB).
- And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. **By your standard of measure it shall be measured to you;** and more shall be given you besides. (Mark 4:24, NASB).
- Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you **will receive even more.**" (Mark 4:24, NLB).
- So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]: **sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry** (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God). It is on account of these [very sins] that the [holy] anger of God is ever coming upon the sons of disobedience (**those who are obstinately opposed to the divine will**), Among whom you also once walked, when you were living in and addicted to [such practices]. But now put away and rid yourselves [completely] of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips! (Col 3:5-8)

Recap Notes

Jesus describes to us in Mark 7:20-23 what defiles a man, what separates him from God, remember Jesus came to reconcile man to God. Here Jesus specifies the result of our failure to deal with the temptation of two out of our five senses (see, hear, taste, feel and smell). Failure to deal with sensuality leads us astray. This is serious business. Jesus instructs us in Mark that what we put into practice is multiplied back to us. See channel check in Appendix C for personal application worksheet.

Prayer: Jesus, I am paying close attention to all sensual desire, whether it be looking, tasting, touching, hearing or smelling. I choose your divine plan of faith and peace. Help me to implement your alarms for temptation and turning from sin to maturing and living in you. Thank You!

#6) Divorce – Represents Dissolution & Severance

Divorce is a legal dissolution, a court order establishing a separation between things that were once connected or associated, like a marriage between a husband and wife. There is a severance after a marriage, just like the Apostle Paul discusses the severance of saints from God by certain practices. Just as divorce effects a marriage, severance effects salvation and its eternal life. These items of divorce, severance, disunity, and discord are demonic by nature.

I can imagine how disheartened Jesus was to see what was done with the letter of the law in actually seeing women being dismissed and disgraced. When His personal position is that He could never leave or forsake His bride (any member of His church who've selected Him as Savior and Lord), He must be very disappointed.

31 *“And it was said, ‘WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE’;*

32 *but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.*

Elaboration Verses

- *“And some Pharisees came up, and, in order to test Him and try to find a weakness in Him, asked, Is it lawful for a man to dismiss and repudiate and divorce his wife? He answered them, What did Moses command you? They replied, Moses allowed a man to write a bill of divorce and to put her away. [Deut. 24:1-4.]*
- *But Jesus said to them, Because of your hardness of heart [your condition of insensibility to the call of God] he wrote you this precept in your Law. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. [Gen. 1:27; 5:2.] For this reason a man shall leave [behind] his father and his mother and be joined to his wife and cleave closely to her permanently, And the two shall become one flesh, so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. [Gen. 2:24.] What therefore God has united (joined together), let not man separate or divide.” (Mark 10:2-9 AMPC)*

Recap Notes

Except for the cause of adultery and abandonment, anyone who divorces their mate makes them commit adultery; and whoever marries that divorcé commits adultery. Jesus also exposes the condition of man's hard heart upon so easily issuing a certificate of divorce. Today we see both men and women exercise this divorce proceeding with little or no justification. Society even calls it “no-fault divorce”.

Notice the later points Jesus makes in Mark 10 about becoming united together into one flesh (NO LONGER TWO). This would imply unity. Did you notice also that Jesus explains division and separation are not options. These two points are in alignment of salvation, where we are joined to Jesus, become one with God, grafted into Jesus, and adopted by Holy Spirit, all demonstrations of unity. In the last verse Jesus even refers to marital unity as being joined together, much like in salvation, sinners leaving humanity and entering into Christianity and joining themselves to God. This is uninteresting revelation, for those who have eyes to see.

Prayer: Father, thank you for the marriage covenant. I choose to remain to be married to Jesus forever and thank you for my earthly spouse and help us succeed. Please remain to be that all-powerful Lord of our life that we weaker ones can glean from.

#7) Vows – Is Our Word Trusted?

A vow is an earnest promise to perform a specified act or behave in a certain manner, especially to live and act in accordance with the certain rules. This vow has now been legalized, by legal binding agreements, and made with very specific details. When



details need to be specified in an agreement (so everyone can acknowledge them), these are a good idea, for the roll out of the agreement to succeed. But for most of us, our yes should mean yes, and our no should mean no, and our word should be projected as fact, that whatever we said we said would happen.

How many people do you know that you can count on, from their word? How many business agreements do we have without written documentation? My plumber, and other tradesmen still operate that way. However, fewer verbal agreements are good enough today.

33 *“Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’*

34 *“But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.*

36 *“Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.*

37 *“But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; and anything beyond these is of evil.*

Elaboration Verse:

- *“Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices,” (Colossians 3:9 AMPC)*
- *“Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [as it were] with salt, [so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you].” (Colossians 4:6 AMPC)*
- *“Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another. [Zech. 8:16.]” (Ephesians 4:25 AMPC)*
- *“If a man vows a vow to the Lord or swears an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break and profane his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.” (Numbers 30:2 AMPC)*
- *“When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not be slack in paying it, for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and slackness would be sin in you. **But if you refrain from vowing, it will not be sin in you.** The vow which has passed your lips you shall be watchful to perform, a voluntary offering which you have made to the Lord your God, which you have promised with your mouth.” (Deuteronomy 23:21-23 AMPC)*

Recap Notes

Jesus instructs us to simply let our yes be yes and no be no. Anything beyond this is of evil. It may seem like pretty strict rules but it establishes an experiential dependence on God for direction, life applications, and revelation, etc. This portrays a very simple unconditional intensity of the new heavenly standard that Jesus delivers to humanity to operate from, but Old Testament verses bear out Jesus' simplicity very clearly.

Prayer: Father, thanks for simplifying these life practices. Your ways are above our ways.



#8) Retaliation – An “Eye For Eye” Was Retired By Jesus

Retaliation, revenge, retribution, or reprisal all doing something in response to an action done to oneself or an associate, especially to attack or injure someone as a response to a hurtful action.

Justice is served when authority determines and exercises at the appropriate measures. God is the authority and he meters out justice. Nobody gets away with anything and His justice is better than ours. With this understood and having confidence in God, we can move on to practice discretion, hold off of a fleshly reaction and press into a spiritual blessing of those who curse us. The results are great because we are delivering God's forgiveness and favor. As we bypass retaliation, we free ourselves from each issue. Jesus demonstrated this, at the cross, when He asked to forgive the persecutors, because they didn't know what they were doing.

38. ***“You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’***

39. ***“But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also.***

40. ***“And if anyone wants to sue you, and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.***

41. ***“And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.***

42. ***“Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.***

Recap Notes

When cursed, abused, punched or subject of others bad behavior allow for His strength (which is sufficient) to manifest by taking it further; in so doing stretching the point and opening the eyes and heart of those afflicting. Mature Christians can use many “wrongs” as opportunity to reach the lost. As Holy Spirit leads us, He will direct us in these actions that hopefully will penetrate the heart of the afflicter. God's love, kindness, and absoluteness supersedes everything and we don't want to miss the appropriate opportunity.

Prayer: Father, help me hear your instruction and practice your ways, for your glory, to build your kingdom.

#9) Love Your Enemies

Releasing God's favor to the undeserving is exactly what Jesus did for all of humanity at the cross. How do you think Jesus could do this? Jesus acted out of two of His attributes, first the attribute of His superiority to earthly effects of evil because of His supremacy, and secondly the attribute of being inviolable prevents anything from ever having an affect on Him. That is why He explained He had to voluntarily go to the cross. Meaning humanity could never have the resources to contain Him. By volunteering to go to the cross and absorbing all of mankind's sin into His own blood, and depositing it on the mercy seat, Jesus demonstrated “Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you”.



Fortunately we don't have to replicate that work! But by choosing His behavior model for other situations and practicing it will harvest good results, salvation for those who feed on the love and favor of God. When we know just what Jesus did for us, doesn't it cause us to pause from our ways, and maybe evaluate the options of His ways?

43. *"You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.'*
44. *"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you*
45. *in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*
46. *"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?"*
47. *"And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"*
48. *"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:1-48, NASB).*

Elaboration Verses:

- *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To **visit** the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted** from the world. James 1:27 KJV*
- *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: **for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20-21 KJV*

Recap Notes

Did Jesus heap coals of fire on our heads and cause us to have real revelation, and did the light bulb finally go on? By being kind to us, while we were still sinners and enemies of God, we rightly experience the conviction, embarrassment and shame for our self-centeredness and bad ways. The burning coals are to symbolize the "hot flash" of realization.

Jesus is giving us a great secret to maturing (Father wants them all saved, 1Tim 2:3-4). When we act as salt and light, bind the strongman and loose God's favor to fulfill the salvation process, we are fulfilling the law of Christ (Gal 6:2). Praying in the Kingdom through prayer, we begin to see things through God's eyes. So many of the miracles I've witnessed were at the opportunity of adverse circumstances, many with no hope. But God hears, reacts, and His absolute effect continues to modify hearts and circumstances.

Because Jesus acted out of supremacy and inviolableness, and saints are to follow Him, where does that leave us believers? Because we entered into Christianity, we've exited the weakness of humanity and entered into Jesus Himself in a new form of life that carries His Godly attributes. We can choose to extend grace and bestow mercy from a superior position, even though it may appear others have the upper hand. It is in this vulnerable position, in our weakened place, God makes us strong. I remember the first AIDS patient I ministered to. Holy Spirit had to calm me down, then I just did what Holy Spirit led me to do. It was in the humbling of myself, He strengthened me.

Prayer: Father, even though transgressions and afflictions hurt let your will be done, not mine. I will bless those who curse me and mine.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 6

#10) Almsgiving – Giving To The Needy

Money has become a very important 'issue' today, in place of faith and other kingdom dynamics. Jesus instructs that giving is to be done in private, and God is the only one to know. Check with your own conscience and Holy Spirit for freedom and direction on giving. The object here is to please God, not man.



1. *Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.*
2. *“When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. **Truly I say to you**, they have their reward in full.*
3. *“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*
4. *that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.*

Elaboration Verse:

- *Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written,
HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.
Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. **For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.** (2 Corinthians 9:6-12)*

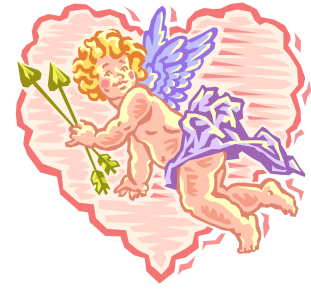
Recap Notes

- * Emphasizing (attracting attention) nullifies any Kingdom benefit.
- * Be obedient to have ears to hear and eyes to see His instructions in placing resources.
- * Obedience is better than sacrifice, 1 Sam. 15:22.
- * See to it that your motivations are to please God, not to gain public honor from men.
- * In successful giving, the recipient is less likely to be humiliated or made to feel like objects of charity.
- * In giving, God has always targeted the fatherless, orphans, strangers, widows, poor and needy.
- * Give to reputable charities and your families before they have to ask or beg you. Don't let shame come upon them if you can help them avoid it.

Prayer: Father, I choose to practice stewardship of all my body, soul, spirit and personal assets. Lead me in the way I should go in each of these. Who can I help, bless and exhort? I will build treasures in Heaven.

#11) Prayer - A Personal Dialogue With God

Personal intimacy in prayer (heart-to-heart) is the goal. Our Father loves us and wants us to get to know Him. Do young lovers get to know each other in the busyness of crowded markets and stadiums? Don't they steal away to be alone? Like lovers, we need to go into our inner room, shut the door and be alone. It is here where we become acquainted with, trust in and build a relationship with God, as we wait on Him, talk and listen, journal, and document solutions, directions, and answers.



5. *“And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. **Truly I say to you**, they have their reward in full.*
6. *“But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.*
7. *“And when you are praying, **do not use meaningless repetition**, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.*
8. *“Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.*
9. *“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.*
10. *‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.*
11. *‘Give us this day our daily bread.*
12. *‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*
13. *‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.’*

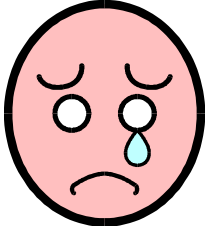
Elaboration Verse:

- *‘ They do all their works to be seen of men; for they make wide their phylacteries (small cases enclosing certain Scripture passages, worn during prayer on the left arm and forehead) and make long their fringes [worn by all male Israelites, according to the command]. Matt 23:5*
- *‘ And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop.’ Mark 11:25*
- *‘ ALSO [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).’ Luke 18:1*

Recap Notes

Do you use meaningless repetition to communicate with your friends? Must you talk to your friends, out loud (within earshot of everybody) and in front of others? Attracting attention to yourself, and in using meaningless repetition, nullifies any benefit that could be derived from a relationship with God. Establish a time and place for your relationship with God to develop and build alone. Talk with Him and share your heart. Document by journaling.

Prayer: Jesus, thanks for Your direction. I needed this to direct me to establish this practice of talking directly to You, Father, and Holy Spirit. As I speak with You daily please grant me ears to hear and eyes to see Your desires for my life.



#12) Forgiveness - Who Is This Really For?

Although salvation is unconditional for all men, Jesus is presenting a condition to consider that will result in how God treats us. There is no sloppy agape here. Jesus relays a bold requirement and backs it up again in 18:34-35 and others. The act of forgiveness keeps Saints clean and close to God.

14. *"For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*
15. *"But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. **"So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."** (Matt 18:34,35).*
- *"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, **forgive him.**" And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' **forgive him.**" (Luke 17:3,4, NASB).*
- *"And **whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone;** so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. (Mark 11:25, NASB).*
- *Matt 5:23-26 refers to unreconciled relationships: leave your gift at the altar and go and make amends.*
- *And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving each other,** just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. (Eph 4:32).*
- *bearing with one another, and **forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone;** just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. (Colossians 3:13, NASB).*

Recap Notes

If you forgive, Father will forgive you. If you do not forgive, Father will not forgive you. Everyone determines their own fate. In Matt 5:23-24 Jesus is saying that offerings under unreconciled relationships offer no value to God.

Prayer: Father, it is my choice to forgive those who have transgressed. I rebuke the temptation of judgment (poison) that leads to concern, bitterness and unforgiveness. I knowingly give up my "rights" and forgive. Thank You for this direction and thank You for this new freedom in You.

#13) Fasting - Private Prayer & Fasting Edifies Saints

Jesus fasted and expected his followers to do the same, as this is often required for greater works (Matt 17:19-21). In a time of self-gratification to gluttony, personal debt, sickness and pure self-centeredness, fasting helps to break the spiritual and physical bonds of individual darkness. Children of God can elect to exercise their inherited authority by denying their flesh (mortification) to build their spiritual esteem (edification).



16. *"And whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. **Truly I say to you,** they have their reward in full.*
17. *"But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face*
18. *so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Mark 1:35 NASB*
- *And He replied to them, This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting. (Mark 9:29, Matt 17:21)*
- *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt 21:22 KJV*
- *For there are many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, who walk (live) as enemies of the cross of Christ (the Anointed One). They are doomed and their fate is eternal misery (perdition); their god is their stomach (their appetites, their sensuality) and they glory in their shame, siding with earthly things and being of their party. Phil 3:18-19 AMB*

Recap Notes

Inviting attention nullifies any Kingdom reward. Fasting is very personal between God and man. Like giving and prayer above it is only to be known by God. Flaunting fasting nullifies its reward. It is very surprising how effective it is. It has been expressed by many that New Testament fasting should only be done in conjunction with and under the leadership of Holy Spirit. This was modeled at Jesus' baptism where Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert for 40 days. If it took Holy Spirit 40 days to renew Jesus' mind and recalibrate His thinking, then what does that say about each saint's need to do the same? Since we're not above the master, the implication is clear, for those who have eyes to see.

Prayer: Father I thank you for the direction on fasting and will practice it between you and I alone.

#14) Real Wealth - Which Accounts Drive The Best Return?



Because Christians are in route to maturity in Christ, our completion and perfection is in and by Christ. Building treasure in Heaven, (acting on faith in love) demonstrates where your heart is, which coincidentally is where our treasure is as well. Sowing seed is scriptural and does not come back void. Jesus teaches us just how unprofitable it is to only build treasures on earth.

19. *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

20. *"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;*

21. *for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? (Mark 8:36, NASB).*
- *"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For **by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.**" (Luke 6:38, NASB).*

Recap Notes

Jesus teaches us in Mark 8:36, what good does it do for you to gain success but go to hell, you lose. Ask yourself what are the desires of your heart and where do you want your assets to go. The answer will help us refocus for maturing in Christ, pleasing our Father, determine who to

help, and how to build treasure in heaven. If you could exchange your own wealth for access to God's wealth, would you exercise that option? We can straddle the two, but one will always win out (see Two Masters #16). By using wealth to do God's bidding, we are acting on God's behalf, and building treasure in heaven.

Prayer: Father I need your help and direction to determine what, when, where, how and with who I should lay up my treasure. Please help me hear Your direction on this matter.

#15) Light & Darkness Signifies Wide & Narrow Road Issues

Channel checking is reviewing what is entering our spirit, soul and body. What we focus on, absorb, internalize (make part of our life) is the issue. Since darkness is what the enemy uses to corrupt, Jesus is admonishing us to be wise and refuse anything that will cause distance, derailment or darkness.

22. *"The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.*

23. *"But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"*

Elaboration Verse:

- *"Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!" (Matthew 6:22,23, NLB).*
- *"And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] **that comes back to you—and more** [besides] will be given to you who hear." (Mark 4:24 AMPC)*
- *'Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse will not land on its intended victim.'* (Proverbs 26:2)

Recap Notes

Jesus informs us how significant it is to get clean, stay clean, be indwelt, and then get filled, all by entering in. Prov.26:2 says that a curse without cause will not enter into an undeserved victim. Does this imply that active symptoms are indicative of open doors? Mark 4:24 warns us about what we hear also returns to us magnified. The measure that you devote your eye and ear to will be the measure that comes back to you. Knowledge of circumstantial or biological conditions are good to know, but it is a mature faith that is useful to exert overriding spiritual enforcement. It appears light and darkness have both lots of benefits and consequences.

Prayer: Father I have heard that cleanliness is next to Godliness and my prayer is that you fill me with your presence and keep me from temptation, convict me of darkness and warn me of evil. Please strengthen me to turn from these and overcome this world. I need you.

#16) Two Masters: God or Mammon?

I simply must recognize where my heart is on the subject of mammon. In today's culture mammon is a god and for some people it is "THE" god. This is in conflict with God's First Commandment, not to have any false God's before Him. Repentance gets us clean on this issue, (just to be sure). Jesus



illuminates to us an issue that could derail and separate us from God, and that can have eternal consequences. Jesus does not say you cannot have mammon, just do not serve mammon. There is a difference. Since Jesus served God, and set the example, Christians should do the same.

24. *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"I am the Lord your God, Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before or besides Me. You shall not make yourself any graven image [to worship it] or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, [Isa. 42:8; 48:11.] But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not use or repeat the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, lightly or frivolously, in false affirmations or profanely]; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." (Exodus 20:2-7)*
- *"Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21, NASB).*
- *Jesus gave the soldiers another answer: And some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and **be content with your wages.**" (Luke 3:14, NASB).*
- *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26-27*
- *The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:25-26*
- *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15*
- *Ananias with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property, And with his wife's knowledge and connivance he kept back and wrongfully appropriated some of the proceeds, bringing only a part and putting it at the feet of the apostles. (Acts 5:1-2).*

Recap Notes

God warned the Israelites long before Christianity that He, as their God, was intolerant on certain issues. Those items He shared are still relevant today. See Exodus 20:2-7, the First commandment. The Ten Commandments aren't suggestions, but significant information for those who actually want to access God's favor. They are relevant only to those who are interested. God did relay these issues to humanity for anyone's awareness.

Jesus warns us how significant it is to seek God first and to keep Him first (Matt 6:33), not the law, not your personal success, not our family, ministry or church denomination. Keep things in their proper perspective. It is impossible to serve two masters. Luke 14:26 and John 12:25 demonstrate further this point. Remember to believe in John 3:16 means to commit to Jesus (studying and doing His teachings). How can any player be committed to two teams? How one knows he is serving mammon is in the recognition of how you become enslaved to its demands, materialism and circumstances. Joshua 24:15 declares that he and his house shall serve God.

It is interesting to notice how God struck down both Ananias with his wife Sapphira for lying about money and defrauding the His integrity. Wonder why this doesn't happen today? Maybe because so much cheating, thumping, manipulating has distanced many traditional forms of church from God. Since God doesn't change there has to be a reason.

Contamination

To contaminate is to make impure or unclean by contact or by any mixture. Does this apply to our belief systems?

If God cannot be contaminated by sin, but is offended by sin, and He is inviolable to any form of sin, then can any of His family members be both in Him and in sin? Jesus addressed this and made this clear in His teaching of the Two Masters (Matt 6:24, Luke 16:13) and the parable of Wheat and the Tares (Matt 13:24-30). The real answer is to become aware of what is offensive to God and deny the offensive values, activities, and temptations.

Temptations only serve to distance people from God's favor on earth, and then serve to sever people from God permanently.

Trust God & Resist Temptations "So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you." James 4:7 AMPC

Prayer: Father, please help me to remain in you and not to be unequally yoked with heaven. Help me to see your ways and obey.

Potholes By Categories ✔ **Check The Boxes!**

1st Checkmark is to recognize & realize that none of these are active within me.
2nd Checkmark is to know they have no effect on me because Satan's got nothing in me!

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b) orgies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7) Evil thoughts, words, deeds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) fornication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) slander	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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f) untrustworthy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11) Selfish ambition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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b) strife, factions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	c) drunkards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) envy, jealousy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12) Witchcraft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) lie, false teaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	a) wickedness,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Items are listed to help people AVOID what has been biblically declared to OFFEND God. To position oneself for GOD'S FAVOR, becoming aware of and avoiding these is EFFECTIVE!

#17) Do Not Worry - Trust God, He Is Worthy!

Today most of us are preoccupied with external activities and deadlines that effect our health, solvency, savings, retirement, etc. Civil society instructs us to work and acquire for ourselves and the family needs. Now being overly preoccupied with necessities and material comforts does reduce our ability to acknowledge and fellowship with God. This is in conflict with Jesus' admonition to build on the rock, not sand. The world operates on shifting sands, and needs a lot of detailed attention to maintain its dynamics. Wouldn't it be nice if we could return to the innocence of childhood, and let somebody else figure out the rest? Is that even possible? It is, but only in a relationship with the one Who can support it, God. We can choose a better lifestyle by entering in and abiding in Jesus, and His teachings.



Jesus directs us to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness. Allow for His vertical relationship in grace and His favor to come upon you and within you to enlighten and direct, in peace. Jesus is teaching us that being anxious (obsessive concern for personal security and future services) is serving mammon and can often cause man to do unrighteous things. Believers are to provide (2 Thes 3:10 & 1 Tim 5:8) for their family and help each other (Gal 6:2). Faith is the currency of the Kingdom, not cash.

What is supposed to be added to us has already been released by God, but may have not been received by us individually. Reception may require us to develop eyes to see and ears to hear so we do not miss His benefits. As we become dedicated to meditation our receptivity becomes more focused and it then activates better receptivity. Don't let worry control you. When you sense it, evaluate and adjust.

25. *"For this reason **I say to you**, do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?"*
26. *"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"*
27. *"And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span?"*
28. *"And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,*
29. *yet **I say to you** that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.*
30. *"But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?"*
31. *"Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'"*
32. *"For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*
33. *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.*
34. *"Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6:1-34, NASB).*

Elaboration Verse:

- *Jesus gave the soldiers another answer: And some soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages." (Luke 3:14, NASB).*

Recap Notes

Jesus warns us to not be so concerned about what to eat, drink, be dressed in, where to live or even about tomorrow's activities. It is all arranged! Practice your daily (personal prayer) time with Him and watch what He does. Remember that God is absolute, and that nothing is impossible for Him, and that He does hear. Whatever God hears He responds to as well. This does not invalidate your capacity to schedule; plan and structure, just do not put these things above Him, and include Holy Spirit in your personal planning.

Prayer: Father, my life is open to your input. I seek your direction, your open doors for my life. Please let me see your plans.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 7

#18) Judging Others Poisons The Judge!

Like forgiveness, judging others is conditional. It exposes the heart and level of maturity for each of us. This is the #1 reason for disengagement of the power gifts. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.

1. "Do not judge lest you be judged.
2. "For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.
3. "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?
4. "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?
5. "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



Elaboration Verses:

- Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but **wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.** (1 Corinthians 4:5, NASB).
- "And do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. (Luke 6:37, NASB).
- Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, **for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself**; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that **the kindness of God leads you to repentance**? (Rom 2:1-4 NASB)
- So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. (James 2:12-13)
- Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. (James 5:7)

Recap Notes

Judging poisons the judge, not those being judged. Jesus warns us again, this time about judging.

First don't do it because it weighs you down and is counter-productive. Second you only see



things from your perspective and God sees things clearly. Rely on God and don't bind yourself up in judgment. After you are cleared to help by Holy Spirit, then you can, in love, and being led by Him, help another. This is where miracles, signs and wonders manifest (because we're unified with God). Discerning right and wrong are still practiced but without pointing the finger and orally assaulting each other. Whatever we do, it gets measured

back to us, as we metered it out. **Ouch!**

Prayer: Father, please help remove all the logs in my own eye (life). I need your help. Can you show me what they are?

#19) Pearls Represent Jesus Warning On What To Keep Private

Keep your private relationship private. Lovers don't share their affection for each other with anybody else. Dogs represent what or who is unholy. Pearls are the gifts of the Spirit and the holy nature of the gospel and its provision.



6. *"Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces. NLT*
- *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. (1 Corinthians 2:14, NASB).*

Recap Notes

Jesus instructs us here to be discriminating about who and what we share His Kingdom experience and practices with. Remember Jesus did not answer many of the Pharisees due to their persecution of Him and Holy Spirit. Mature spouses do not share their "personal experiences" with others. So in the same be diligent to do the same with what God has shared with you. Kingdom life is only understood and shared with those of the same spirit.

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Prayer: Thank you for your instruction and your warning here. Now I know the importance of these issues I promise to heed and practice them.

#20) Ask – Seek - Knock - Encouragement To Persevere

"God loves me." Repeat this 25 times each morning.

Again Jesus demonstrates His superior understanding by breaking down God's love into three simple actions: ask, seek and knock.



Knocking demonstrates that we are getting attention. You know God is there. It's not likely that a 'nobody home' sign is possible. Since God plays no favorites, all who knock will receive. Faith means to keep asking, keep seeking and keep knocking. Don't quit! Faith causes perseverance. Supplicatory prayer in

proper alignment and motives (not just self desires) are heard and answered in Father's love and wisdom. If we humans desire good things for our children how much more will God give good things to those who ask, seek and knock? (Luke 11:13) He will give Holy Spirit and manifest His presence to those who ask. Materializing favor in many forms is common for our God.

7. *"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.*
8. *"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.*
9. *"Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will he give him a stone?*
10. *"Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?*
11. *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst." (Matthew 18:18-20, NASB).*
- *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. (John 15:7, NASB).*
- *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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:13)*
- *You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (James 4:2-3)*
- *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (Rev. 3:20-21)*

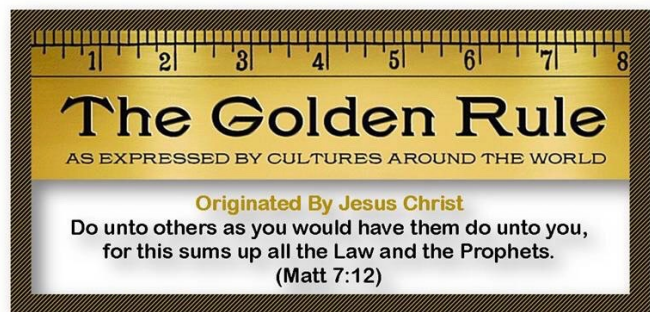
Recap Notes

Jesus instructs us here to ask, seek and knock. He reports to us that for everyone who does this that they will receive, find, and have access to open doors. Isn't it interesting that Hebrews 11:6 reveals that God rewards those who seek Him?

Prayer: Father, I need your help, wisdom, direction, favor, blessing and pruning. I seek you and your ways.

#21) Golden Rule

If there ever was a "KEY TO ALL RELATIONSHIPS" it is this verse as well as its support cross reference verse below it. Here is the epitome of Jesus' Gospel success throughout humankind. Along with sowing and reaping, this precept has been realized and taught by the best of secular curriculums and teachers.



12. *"Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Elaboration Verse:

- *"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*

Recap Notes

Jesus instructs us treat others how you want to be treated. Like other areas, it comes back to you, multiplied. Placing ourself in the other person's shoes is our guide and this can and will meet all of God's requirements. If the circumstances were reversed how would I want to be treated? Do you realize that if people followed this rule that all the rules and regulations (not guidance recommendations) would have never had to have been issued.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to practice your golden rule and to put others before me, not just in public but in my heart.

#22) Two Ways Of Life: Sinner Or Saint, Wide Or Narrow Road?

Stop, look and listen now! Immediacy is the key here. Commit to Jesus now because time is not on your side and the gate may be closed in the near future. What if this is your only chance where the door is open and you are ready? Nobody just "drifts" or slides into the Kingdom of God by accident or by chance. Entrance is by your will to exercise the grace He extends. Just say yes.



Satellite guidance systems, intellectual and scientific programs guide many sophisticated operations. Today Jesus brings all other guidance to a halt and our world stops to examine his recommendation, am I entering by the narrow gate?

13. *"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.*
14. *"For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.*

Elaboration Verses:

- *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. NLT*
- *For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23, NASB).*
- *the **one who practices sin is of the devil**; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. (1 John 3:8A, NASB).*
- ***No one who is born of God practices sin**, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (1 John 3:9, NASB).*
- *We know that **no one who is born of God sins**; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. (1 John 5:18, NASB).*
- *And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, "**Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.** "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not*

know where you are from.' "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets'; and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.' "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out. "And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:22-30, NASB).

Recap Notes

Jesus warns us of a very important issue, “**most do not make it into the Kingdom**”, even those in the church; 2 Cor. 2: 9-12. Having created the world and seen the level of dysfunction Satan had brought it to, can you imagine what a broken heart Jesus had then, and still has? Paul amplifies this with Galatians 5:19-22 with the works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit. By being a light maybe we can even the odds that more people make it!

Prayer: Jesus, please never let me lose sight of this. The narrow gate is my focus. You are my savior and lord. I know you will never leave me or forsake me. Don't let me leave or forsake you or yours. If I am saved I can't consistently practice sin, because my life is now joined with yours, and You, as God cannot sin. So any sinning on my part is a sign that I fell "off the wagon". Help me back up on the wagon again.

CAN YOU IDENTIFY A TREE BY ITS FRUIT?

A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.
Matthew 7:17-20

CAN PEOPLE BE ID'D BY THEIR ACTIONS?

#23) False & True Leadership: Shepherds Or Hirelings?

The good shepherd knows His sheep and they know Him. He warns His sheep and teaches them and protects them from danger. Within the church there is too much division, and it has been generated by posturing pastors in order to traffic in "sheep stealing". For those who have actually read and at least partially retained some of the gospel, to listen to some of these characters is offensive because of the extent of how the gospel is misused. As we grow in God,

real Christians become unified, glorifying Jesus.

15. *"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.*
16. *"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?*
17. *"Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.*
18. *"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.*
19. *"Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.*
20. *"So then, you will know them by their fruits.*

Elaboration Verse:

- *"For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart. (Luke 6:43-45, NASB).*
- *"He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. (John 7:18, NASB).*
- *"He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep. (John 10:12,13, NASB).*
- *But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, **paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, (1 Timothy 4:1,2, NASB).*
- *Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that **they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.** (Philippians 3:17-19, NASB).*

Recap Notes

Jesus instructs us to check out the fruit of someone's life before engaging them. Are they bringing saints to know Holy Spirit? Are they teaching that saints are the real temple of God? Are they building new saints to surpass them self? Are they serving or lording? These are just qualifying questions exposing character.

You will be soiled with their transgressions or blessed with their worthiness. False prophets teach in order to gain prestige, money and pass on own ideas, creating a following and building own interest.

Discernible facets of a hireling (John 10:12-13):

1. Does not protect sheep or stay with them in sickness or problems
2. Leaves sheep exposed to danger
3. Not concerned about sheep, but self
4. Paul's red flags to the body concerning false teachers (1 Tim 4:1-2, Phil. 3:17-19)
5. Pay attention to deceitful spirits
6. Hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared
7. They are enemies of the cross
8. Their god is their stomach
9. Their mind is on earthly things

Jesus warns His followers about false teachers

Real Christianity is not multi-level, it is one-on-one. Jesus took the time to list what the false teachers do (make their followers twice the sons of hell they are, Matt 23:15. In Matthew Chapter 23, Mark 12 and Luke 20 Jesus lists the infractions to warn us. Be warned!

Debauchery

Current day debauchery is shifting the gospel message from Christ-Centered and Holy Spirit driven to traditional, legalistic and man-centered. Jesus' original Christianity model is that Jesus saves, Holy Spirit teaches, guides and empowers. Jesus warns us to keep things clean and warns those who take any little one off course will have a mill stone around their neck. Developing a

culture of believers into "tithing units" for a successful ministry, at the expense of the maturity of the flock is a sin of debauchery (unfortunately practiced today). Here is what Jesus taught:

1. you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."
2. you **devour widows' houses**, even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore **you shall receive greater condemnation**.
3. ""Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear 'by God's Temple,' but that it is binding to swear 'by the gold in the Temple.' Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred? And you say that to swear 'by the altar' is not binding, but to swear 'by the gifts on the altar' is binding. How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred? When you swear 'by the altar,' you are swearing by it and by everything on it. And when you swear 'by the Temple,' you are swearing by it and by God, who lives in it. And when you swear 'by heaven,' you are swearing by the throne of God and by God, who sits on the throne." (Matthew 23:16-22 NLT)
4. tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: **justice and mercy and faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. (*Remember these Pharisees lived under the dispensation of the law and were guided by that system*).
5. For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. **first clean the inside of the cup** and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also. (*Let's take the log out of our own eye first!*)
6. who **kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!** (Denominationalism ridicules and sets out to destroy anybody that does not agree with their theology)

Lording & Right of Passage

Nicolaitan 'leadership' is very good at delegating but not good at doing, actually lifting a finger to help. Hirelings revel in Nicolaitan standards and they do "Lord" it over the body. The pulpit is the position that all look up to which is usually under lock and key to influence the building of co-dependent relationships with people; ministers over laity. Today's church 'leadership' professionals operate under a delegated authority vs. a transmitted authority, and need to have people to approve of (and collect from) and people need a hireling to tell them they are OK. Jesus hated this model and talked about it in Revelation chapter 2: 2,3,6.

In the world, it is customary for leaders to manipulate and extract (extort) benefits from the power of their own position while withholding others. When 'leadership' in carnal churches surcharge God's believers (who have the interest in advancing), with the extraction of their money (keeping records accordingly), they are exercising their 'right of passage' rule. They had to do it, so they are making many others do the same fulfilling Matt 23:15, making each other twice the sons of hell they are. See Jesus' teachings below:

1. tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and **do not do them**.

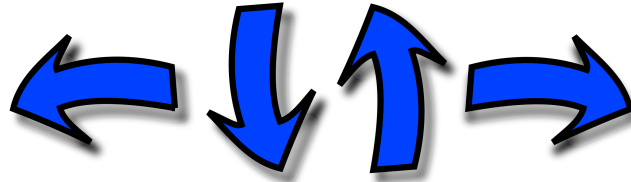
2. **they tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders;** but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger. For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while **you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.**
3. you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, **you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.**
4. I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and **you put to the test those who call themselves apostles,** and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. (Revelation 2:2,3, NASB).
5. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. (Revelation 2:6, NASB).

Entitlement

In politics and industry leadership is overpaid and idolized. Now also in church 'leadership' has brainwashed laity into commending themselves into these entitlement positions. With controlling the pulpit, any viewpoint not in complete agreement with leadership isn't utilized. Therefore manipulation is unfortunately the active method of communication in way too many churches. Many of us realize this and just never say anything, while we walk away. See Jesus' teachings below:

1. they **love the place of honor at banquets,** and the chief seats in the synagogues, and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, Rabbi.
2. **they do all their deeds to be noticed by men;** for they broaden their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels of their garments.
3. do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and **you are all brothers.** And **do not call anyone on earth your father;** for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. *Can Jesus be more specific about this?*
4. But the **greatest among you shall be your servant.** And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. In the 1st Beatitude Jesus upholds humility as the first quality to teach on.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to discern a wolf and a pretender from your Shepard. Give me your witness and your peace. Give me your eyes to see and ears to hear your input and direction.



#24) True Way Into The Kingdom: Experiential Or Superficial?

The heart of the lover is what is joined to the other (partner). The bride shares the groom and his interest. Those who use their mates for their own and do not have a pure heart are goats, tares and often self-centered (which prevents them from becoming Christ-centered), unacceptable according to Jesus. If believers actually know and abide in Jesus' first and greatest command, to love God with everything and love your neighbor, then nobody can distract and turn them away from the Lord and His Word. In verse 23 He says He never knew them, which means excommunication and that is very serious. Also Jesus is warning of their current status is that of being separated from God.

21. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; **but he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven.
22. "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
23. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**'

Elaboration Verse:

- *Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Matt 8:23 NIV*
- *For **there is no partiality with God.** For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law **will be judged by the Law; for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus. (Romans 2:11-16, NASB).***
- *For **God does not show favoritism.** When the Gentiles sin, they will be destroyed, even though they never had God's written law. And the Jews, who do have God's law, will be judged by that law when they fail to obey it. For merely listening to the law doesn't make us right with God. **It is obeying the law that makes us right in his sight.** Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. **They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.** And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life. (Romans 2:11-16, NLT)*

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And this is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone's secret life.

- *And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but **people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil**. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. (John 3:19-20 NLT)*

Grieving Holy Spirit and practicing the law over grace is like a dog returning to its vomit.

- **Parable of Wheat & Tares:** *He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. "But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. "But when the wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. "And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' And the slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' "But he said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them. 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." (Matthew 13:24-30, NASB).*

God lets the wheat and tares grow together, and will sort them in the future.

- **Parable of the Sheep & Goats at Christ's Return:** *"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and **He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left**. "Then the King will say to those on His right, '**Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'** "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink? 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 'And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' "Then He will also say to those on His left, '**Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'** "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, '**Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'** "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46, NASB)*

Jesus implies that the experiential are entering in, while those resisting doing Jesus works are not.

- **Parable of the Ten Virgins:** *"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding*

banquet. And the door was shut. "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:1-13, NIV).

Being prepared is essential. That means staying filled.

- *God "will give to each person **according to what he has done.**" To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. Rom 2:6-8*

Clearly see the difference between doing good and self-seeking, rejecting truth, and following evil.

- ***Fire and Brimstone Warning:** For if we go on sinning **willfully** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and **THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES**. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God**, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "**VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.**" And again, "**THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.**" (Hebrews 10:26-30, NASB)*

Persistent sinning willfully after receiving salvation places one under judgement.

- *He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. (Romans 2:6-8, NLB)*

Everyone is judged according to what they have done.

- *Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him (Colossians 3:9,10, NASB).*

Never be afraid to tell the truth.

Recap Notes

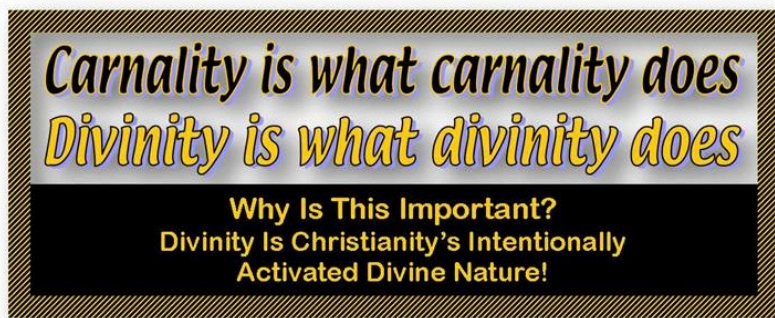
These are all critical factors to become aware of, according to Jesus. See how each is important:

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2. Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right. This also demonstrates how Jesus did reconcile humanity to God, and how all humanity is effected by His finished work.
3. God will judge everyone's secret life. Everyone is judged according to what they have done.
4. Grieving Holy Spirit and practicing the law over grace is like a dog returning to its vomit.
5. God lets the wheat and tares grow together, and will sort them in the end.

6. Jesus implies that the experiential are entering in, while those resisting doing Jesus works are not entering into His kingdom.
7. Being prepared is essential. That means staying filled.
8. Clearly see the difference between doing good and self-seeking, rejecting truth, and following evil.
9. Persistent sinning willfully after receiving salvation places one under judgement.
10. Never be afraid to tell the truth.

Jesus instructs us that being obedient and **doing the will of Father is primary and unconditional to enter heaven**. Practicing the gifts of the Spirit, church attendance and giving do not automate kingdom entrance. Do not be puffed up in these. Paul illustrates that God has no partiality about those who sin (even those who heal the sick and raise the dead). “They (Gentiles) demonstrate that God’s law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.” This also demonstrates how God has placed a code of ethics within mankind to know right from wrong. No excuses, no cherry picking, no partiality! The parables of the wheat and tares, goats and sheep and ten virgins amplify verse 21 through 23. ‘Fire and Brimstone Warning’ is self explanatory. Doing God’s will proves Jesus is Lord. Jesus’ doctrines outline God’s will and demonstrate what is involved. Paul exhorts us to unload the old man and put on the new. Nobody wants to hear “Depart from me”, and as harsh as this is, it is always best to be informed, to make adjustments that will impact our eternal life and as well as our ability to break through in getting our prayer requests heard.

Prayer: Jesus, help me in my purity and keep me fully bonded to you. Don't let me be double-minded or practice any level of evil. I need you, your vision and direction.



#25) Rock or Sand: Entering Into Abiding In Jesus Or Not

Those who hold to my teachings are my disciples, then they know the truth and are set free. (Jn 8:31-2) Can I hold to Jesus' doctrines if I don't embrace, review, meditate and practice them? Hearing and doing are considered inseparable in James 1:21-27. All who employ His teachings daily are wise and prudent.

Nobody ever said that embracing Jesus' teachings was going to be easy. They tend to grate on you, uncover pockets of resistance that need identification for mortification. Students know that study is required to pass the tests, and athletes know practice is what prepares them to win competitions. Neither studying or practice are highly sought after practices, however if you want to be in the rock of Jesus, you better do both.

24. *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.*
25. *"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.*
26. *"And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.*
27. *"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."*
28. *The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching;*
29. *for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes. (Matthew 7:1-29, NASB).*

Elaboration Verse:

- *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but **has passed out of death into life.**" (John 5:24, NASB)*
- ***We know that we have passed out of death into life,** because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death." (1 John 3:14, NASB)*
- *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, **he will keep My word;** and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. (John 14:23, NASB)*
- *"Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,** unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (John 15:4, NASB)*

This is suggestive that if we're not fruitful we're not grafted into Jesus' vine.

- *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **ask whatever you wish,** and it shall be done for you. (John 15:7 NASB)*
- *Then he added, "**Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding** you will be given—and **you will receive even more.** To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them." (Mark 4:24-25 NLT)"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after **he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.** (Luke 6:40, NASB)*
- *But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Luke 11:28, NASB)*
- *"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. "For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it? (Luke 14:27,28, NASB)*

- *Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**" (John 8:31,32, NASB)*
- *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone **should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry**, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. **Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.** (James 1:19-27)*

Recap Notes

Building your life on THE ROCK of Jesus' teachings is wise and it offers eternal life, while resisting, neglecting, or avoiding these teachings are foolish because we're then building ON SAND. Jesus instructs us to pay close attention, be a doer of his teaching, not just a hearer only. It is in knowing and practicing Jesus teachings we become wise, build on Him and move on from death to life.

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

Do you know what this means? Fighting the good fight of faith is keeping all of Jesus' teachings, without excuse, until He returns:

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without excuse, until He returns!**

- *"Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and [in the presence] of Christ Jesus, who made the good confession [in His testimony] before Pontius*

Pilate, to keep all His precepts without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 TIM 6:12-14 AMP)

1. Fight the good fight of the faith, in the conflict with evil
2. Take hold of the eternal life to which you publicly confessed Jesus
3. God charges each to keep all of Jesus' teachings, without excuse, until the appearing of Jesus

Commentary

Every person of God should set their hearts upon the things of God, not to be in conflict with God through corruption, temptations, or powers of darkness. Our embracing eternal life implies abiding and keeping all of Jesus' teachings perseveringly until we go to heaven or He returns to us.

Prayer: Jesus, please help me to practice your teachings and bearing your fruit. Help me to adapt your word into my heart and begin to apply them to my day.

APPENDICES

If Jesus was booked into a conference, and He repeated these same "I SAY TO YOU" sayings, we would go and listen. So here they are. Read them, study them, and become enlightened.

Many of these are corrections for the accepted revisions that the Sanhedrin taught, which accommodated mans agenda, and was man pleasing. Apparently Jesus took issue with a lot of them, because He reversed them, corrected them, and eliminated their source, the clergy system.

Appendix A: Jesus said "I Say" 145 times in the Bible:

1. Mt 3:9* And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for **I say** unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
2. Mt 5:18* For verily **I say** unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
3. Mt 5:20* For **I say** unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
4. Mt 5:22* But **I say** unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
5. Mt 5:26* Verily **I say** unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.
6. Mt 5:28 But **I say** unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
7. Mt 5:32* But **I say** unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.
8. Mt 5:34 But **I say** unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:
9. Mt 5:39* But **I say** unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.
10. Mt 5:44* But **I say** unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;
11. Mt 6:2* Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily **I say** unto you, They have their reward.
12. Mt 6:5* And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily **I say** unto you, They have their reward.
13. Mt 6:16* Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily **I say** unto you, They have their reward.

14. Mt 6:25* Therefore **I say** unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
15. Mt 6:29* And yet **I say** unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
16. Mt 8:9* For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and **I say** to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
17. Mt 8:10* When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, Verily **I say** unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
18. Mt 8:11* And **I say** unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.
19. Mt 10:15 Verily **I say** unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorra in the day of judgment, than for that city.
20. Mt 10:23* But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily **I say** unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
21. Mt 10:42* And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily **I say** unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.
22. Mt 11:9* But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, **I say** unto you, and more than a prophet.
23. Mt 11:11* Verily **I say** unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
24. Mt 11:22* But **I say** unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.
25. Mt 11:24* But **I say** unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.
26. Mt 12:6 But **I say** unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.
27. Mt 12:31* Wherefore **I say** unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.
28. Mt 12:36* But **I say** unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
29. Mt 13:17 For verily **I say** unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.
30. Mt 16:18* And **I say** also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
31. Mt 16:28* Verily **I say** unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.
32. Mt 17:12* But **I say** unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

33. Mt 17:20* And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily **I say** unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
34. Mt 18:3* And said, Verily **I say** unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
35. Mt 18:10* Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for **I say** unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.
36. Mt 18:13 And if so be that he find it, verily **I say** unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.
37. Mt 18:18* Verily **I say** unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
38. Mt 18:19 Again **I say** unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.
39. Mt 18:22* Jesus saith unto him, **I say** not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.
40. Mt 19:9* And **I say** unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.
41. Mt 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily **I say** unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.
42. Mt 19:24* And again **I say** unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.
43. Mt 19:28* And Jesus said unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
44. Mt 21:21* Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
45. Mt 21:31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
46. Mt 23:36 Verily **I say** unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.
47. Mt 23:39* For **I say** unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
48. Mt 24:2* And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily **I say** unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.
49. Mt 24:34* Verily **I say** unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
50. Mt 24:47 Verily **I say** unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
51. Mt 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily **I say** unto you, I know you not.
52. Mt 25:40* And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

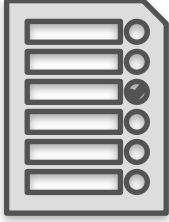
53. Mt 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily **I say** unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
54. Mt 26:13* Verily **I say** unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.
55. Mt 26:21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily **I say** unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
56. Mt 26:29* But **I say** unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
57. Mt 26:34* Jesus said unto him, Verily **I say** unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
58. Mt 26:64* Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless **I say** unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
59. Mr 2:11 **I say** unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.
60. Mr 3:28* Verily **I say** unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:
61. Mr 5:41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, **I say** unto thee, arise.
62. Mr 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily **I say** unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorra in the day of judgment, than for that city.
63. Mr 8:12* And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily **I say** unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.
64. Mr 9:1* And he said unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.
65. Mr 9:13 But **I say** unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.
66. Mr 9:41* For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily **I say** unto you, he shall not lose his reward.
67. Mr 10:15* Verily **I say** unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.
68. Mr 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily **I say** unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,
69. Mr 11:23 For verily **I say** unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
70. Mr 11:24 Therefore **I say** unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
71. Mr 12:43* And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

72. Mr 13:30* Verily **I say** unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.
73. Mr 13:37 And what **I say** unto you **I say** unto all, Watch.
74. Mr 14:9 Verily **I say** unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.
75. Mr 14:18 And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily **I say** unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.
76. Mr 14:25* Verily **I say** unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
77. Mr 14:30 And Jesus saith unto him, Verily **I say** unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.
78. Lu 3:8* Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for **I say** unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
79. Lu 4:24* And he said, Verily **I say** unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.
80. Lu 5:24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) **I say** unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.
81. Lu 6:27* But **I say** unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,
82. Lu 6:46* And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which **I say**?
83. Lu 7:8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and **I say** unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
84. Lu 7:9 When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, **I say** unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
85. Lu 7:14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, **I say** unto thee, Arise.
86. Lu 7:26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, **I say** unto you, and much more than a prophet.
87. Lu 7:28* For **I say** unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.
88. Lu 7:47* Wherefore **I say** unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
89. Lu 10:12 But **I say** unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.
90. Lu 11:8 **I say** unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.
91. Lu 11:9* And **I say** unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
92. Lu 11:51* From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily **I say** unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

93. Lu 12:4* And **I say** unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.
94. Lu 12:5* But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, **I say** unto you, Fear him.
95. Lu 12:8* Also **I say** unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:
96. Lu 12:22* And he said unto his disciples, Therefore **I say** unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.
97. Lu 12:27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet **I say** unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
98. Lu 12:37* Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily **I say** unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.
99. Lu 12:44 Of a truth **I say** unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.
100. Lu 13:24* Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, **I say** unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.
101. Lu 13:35* Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily **I say** unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
102. Lu 14:24* For **I say** unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.
103. Lu 15:7* **I say** unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.
104. Lu 15:10 Likewise, **I say** unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.
105. Lu 16:9* And **I say** unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
106. Lu 18:17 Verily **I say** unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.
107. Lu 18:29 And he said unto them, Verily **I say** unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,
108. Lu 19:26* For **I say** unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.
109. Lu 21:3 And he said, Of a truth **I say** unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
110. Lu 21:32* Verily **I say** unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
111. Lu 22:16* For **I say** unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.
112. Lu 22:18 For **I say** unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.
113. Lu 22:37* For **I say** unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

114. Lu 23:43* And Jesus said unto him, Verily **I say** unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
115. Joh 1:51* And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
116. Joh 3:3* Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, **I say** unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
117. Joh 3:5* Jesus answered, Verily, verily, **I say** unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
118. Joh 3:11* Verily, verily, **I say** unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.
119. Joh 4:35* Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, **I say** unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
120. Joh 5:19* Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
121. Joh 5:24* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.
122. Joh 5:25* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
123. Joh 5:34* But I receive not testimony from man: but these things **I say**, that ye might be saved.
124. Joh 6:26* Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.
125. Joh 6:32* Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.
126. Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
127. Joh 6:53* Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
128. Joh 8:34* Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
129. Joh 8:46* Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if **I say** the truth, why do ye not believe me?
130. Joh 8:51* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
131. Joh 8:58* Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.
132. Joh 10:1* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
133. Joh 10:7* Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, I am the door of the sheep.
134. Joh 12:24* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.
135. Joh 12:27* Now is my soul troubled; and what shall **I say**? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

136. Joh 13:16* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
137. Joh 13:20* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
138. Joh 13:21* When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
139. Joh 13:33* Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now **I say** to you.
140. Joh 13:38* Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, **I say** unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.
141. Joh 14:12* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
142. Joh 16:20* Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.
143. Joh 16:23* And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, **I say** unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
144. Joh 16:26* At that day ye shall ask in my name: and **I say** not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:
145. Joh 21:18* Verily, verily, **I say** unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.



Appendix B: The Report Card

A good report card promotes the student to the next level. Passing grades have their benefit. With knowing His teachings one can begin to practice them. Greater works are built on this.

Threshold: the point where a new era or experience begins

Approval to cross over from student to apprentice comes through intentionally learning (study to show myself approved) vs. delaying or denying the Word and remaining ignorant. Regarding the report card here are some dynamics:

- The Tutor teaches
- The believer learns and scores (knowledge and understanding)
- The parent (Father) examines and responds with objective approval, applauding, or encouragement with recommendations for change, or maybe even restrictions.

Barrier

Barriers are befriending personal desires and symptoms that offer or require management, importance, sympathy, and attention (*the carnal nature*). Barriers restrict faith to eternal life only, discounting abundant life to accommodate symptoms and familiar fleshly desires. Two barriers that impede breakthrough are the flesh (*obstacles*) and the will (*resistance*).

bar·ri·er (bār'ē-ər) definitions.

1. A material formation or structure, such as a mountain range or wall, that prevents passage or access.
2. Something immaterial that obstructs or impedes.
3. anything serving to obstruct passage or to maintain separation, such as a fence or gate
4. anything that prevents or obstructs passage, access, or progress: *a barrier of distrust*.
5. anything that separates or hinders union: *a language barrier*.

Breakthrough

Breakthroughs are willing acts of exerting authority to penetrate darkness and personal comfort zones, ***building divine nature***. Determining to have more of God requires intentional effort and persistence.

The keys are:

1. studying to show yourself approved,
2. devotedly waiting on God,
3. deep meditative prayer,
4. practicing tongues,
5. making it our personal business to breakthru

Overcoming symptoms and developing abundant life are breakthroughs offered by Jesus and empowered by Holy Spirit to everyone who believes and abides.

break-through (brāk'thrōō') definitions

1. An act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction.
2. A major achievement or success that permits further progress.
3. Advancement, progress, improvement

These two terms, side by side, seem to really crystallize the meanings for those of us who want and need help in this area.

Benchmark: the point from where a new experience is positioned from. I suppose each grade level could be a new benchmark. Since these aren't relevant to our kingdom growth maybe we should use other factors. Maybe use the names: sinner, saint, believer, disciple, Apostle (those who go and do) might serve as positions to shoot for.

Maturity and success comes from a combination trial and error (practicing His teachings with perseverance).

Appendix C: Channel Checking

Channel checking is a verification of facts by professionals in technology, accounting and investments to assure their superiors that the references used to determine a companies future performance is based on accurate reporting. Should we check ourselves to see if our channels have been corrupted with bad influences or enlightened with truth?

For the purpose of discipleship let us look at the issue of what is in our heart, how it gets there and what is the likelihood of it becoming fruitful. I believe there are two primary sources that fill the heart; first is the environment in which we are raised in and second is what we have chosen to be filled with (what we have allowed and invested in).

The entrance in which our personal inventory is accessed and influenced is our senses. The sense deposits do directly affect (influence) our mind and heart. The senses are the eyes, ears, nose, tongue and fingers. If we inventory what each sense is investing in we can begin to do some evaluation. List what each sense is exposed to daily and what is the expected result of each. This is serious business to those who seriously seek help. Please use other paper when required. This is just a guide.

SENSE	EXPOSURE	EXPECTED RESULT?
Eyes / See		
Ears / Hear		
Nose / Smell		
Tongue / Taste, Speak		
Hands / Feel, flick, point, throw, slap, jab		

Success comes by the recognition of needed change and plans to deploy a paradigm shift. What changes need to happen in order for my inventory to produce better results?

Diagnostics - Channel Checking

Diagnostic testing serves to identify a particular symptom, disease, or characteristic. Internal medicine can diagnose a person's health status. If 50-80% of medical diagnostics are in the blood tests, then what do we do for spiritual diagnostics? Is there a test to identify spiritual characteristics?

Just as a tree is known by its fruit, a person is known by what he does, and what he says. Diagnosing our internal spiritual health status can be done through personal channel checking with Holy Spirit, or asking friends, spouses, and associates.

Jesus reported that our fruitfulness or fruitlessness determines (diagnose) who we are:

- *“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:15-20 ESV)*
- *“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad. You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.” (Matthew 12:33-37 NLT)*
- *“A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.” (Luke 6:43-45 NLT)*
- *“People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.” (James 3:7-12 NLT)*

Highlights of Jesus and James

Jesus reported that our fruitfulness or fruitlessness determines who we are:

1. Jesus warns of false prophets and pretenders, and says you will recognize them by their fruits. What is the bad fruit to look out for? What they say and do!
2. Every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit.
3. A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.
4. For whatever is in your heart determines what you say.
5. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.
6. Everyone must give an account on judgment day for every idle word they speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.
7. What you say flows from what is in your heart.

**Just as a tree is known by its fruit,
A PERSON IS KNOWN BY WHAT HE DOES,
and what he says!**

Rest assured that what we think, say, and do are important, are recorded, and we will be accountable for them. In the interest in moving into a more proficient experiential lifestyle, evaluating our fruitfulness or fruitlessness would seem important.

God has implied for us to be experiential and here are some verses on this:

1. A doer is one who uncovers and excepts his faults and works to get rid of them. James 1:22-25
2. Sheep and goat identifications align everyone with their own current status and future home location. Matt 25:31-46
3. A treasure identification model is giving in secret, so only God knows. Matt 6:19-21

Commentary

In church there may be many do-nothing, dead and fruitless branches, where faith is not acknowledged and never activated. However, in Christ, people flourish by intentionally abiding in Jesus, exerting faith to help others, intervene, and bestow grace and gifts. So if your church, as a whole, is like a football team that never gets out of the huddle (spectators), that is just where they are today. However, if we'd like to be more experiential and become an overcomer, and a doer of the natural and supernatural works of Jesus, begin by becoming aware, activate, and abide in Jesus and His works.

**Praying In Tongues Mortifies The Flesh To Edify The Cells,
So Holy Spirit Can Have His Way And Bring Life To Our Mortal Flesh!
This Is Much Deeper Than We Will Ever Know, And All Done In Faith!**

Truth is the Ultimate Asset!

Truth is the ultimate apex, the most revered position in all forms and circumstances of life. It is only truth that offers the ultimate advantage to its seeker and holder, by recognizing and preventing deception, as well as as building a solid basis for success. Every

ultimate apex (highest ground) has the best viewpoint. Why is this so very important? Because human beings do become what they think about (whatever they have determined their own truth to be). Proverbs 23:7, 4:23 both declare and validate this truth and Proverbs 12:15 reports that fools are right in their own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. So your personal truth, what is admissible, does have an effect on your life, whether you know it or not.

If the words that come out of people's mouths are any indication of what is in their heart and mind, it should appear obvious that so many need some newer truth to recalibrate their thinking. Our results are often attributable to the fundamentals deployed in every process. Repeating the same tactics and expecting different results has been referred to as insanity. So what is the solution?

The observation, evaluation, and establishment of truth has everything to do with what is admissible and what is inadmissible. In time, these affect what is effectual and ineffectual. The benefit of truth is that it not only forms the basis for a solid foundation, it is also immediately beneficial to it (meaning it is accretive).

Until all the issues of truth can put on the table for examination and evaluation a clear picture is improbable, and often without all the factors, truth will always be denied. We see evidence of this openly practice in our "politically correct" (PC) society. Recently many revisionists are busy rewriting many "truths" to fit their personal values.

When truth is denied, with it begins the practice of:

1. deception that will block truth and create revised values
2. the accommodation of delusional thinking as normal
3. limited and soiled productivity due to bad direction
4. ineffective and ineffectual belief system
5. unproductive faith or doubt vs inspired faith

- Is truth the bellwether issue for success?
- Is the admissibility and inadmissibility of evidence the issue that fashions truth?

If these are true, then the process to succeed is already evident and application can be refined by anyone, for any circumstance. Reviewing results and effectiveness are two areas for evaluating truth, then re-aligning our next event with a truer form of truth.

When the table of truth evaluation is filled with all information, then truth can:

1. Be found vs. denied
2. Be realized that moral purity is the basis to avoid stumbling and falling
3. Bring light that dispels and removes darkness
4. Bring deeper revelation and understanding
5. Bring effectual belief into new benchmarks
6. Inspire faith for newer bolder direction to cause superior productivity

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Truth Really Is Ultimate!

Truth is the ultimate vantage because it is what accurate knowledge is built on.

Belief systems are built from this knowledge, and out of that belief our faith is derived.

If our faith is built on Jesus' truth, our results should begin to resemble His!

Appendix D: Chapter Review Checklist



#1) The Beatitudes – Fundamental Foundational Footings

1. Am I humble and not arrogant?
2. Do I really seek to get my spiritual needs filled by abiding in Jesus? Do I know His Word?
3. Do people say I am modest and patient and without bitterness?
4. Have I demonstrated to myself that I have a deep longing for God with His divine order?
5. Am I compassionate, considerate and helpful with total identification with another's situation? Do I really listen?
6. Have I secured my heart in God?
7. Am I active in efforts to bring about peace and salvation?
8. Am I persecuted (insulted, falsely accused, slandered, rejected) for the gospel' sake?

#2) The Similitudes – Christians Are Salt & Light Because They've Entered In

1. Is my salt flavoring anybody's life?
2. Do my good works yesterday and today glorify God?

#3) Jesus Has Already Fulfilled The Law And Made It Obsolete For Saints

1. Does my righteousness surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees?
2. Do I love really other people?
3. Do I walk out of compulsion of the law?
4. Do I receive and give in grace?

#4) Murder – Anger – Slander - All Deal Killers For God!

1. Have I slandered anyone?
2. Have I been angry?
3. Have I reported anything inaccurate?
4. In my actions do I put others best interest first, forward, and before mine?

#5) Adultery – Every Marital Relationship Is Under Permanent Fidelity

1. Do I need to tear out my eye because it is wavering and taking in corruption?
2. Am I really listening to the people who I am with?
3. Am I always talking and under compulsion to 'speak my mind'?

6) Divorce – Represents Dissolution & Severance

1. Is my marriage covenant with Jesus and my spouse secure?
2. Will I be fitted for a Revelation 19:8 clothing outfit?
3. Am I an overcomer?

#7) Vows – Is Our Word Trusted?

1. Does my Yes really mean yes and No, no?
2. Is my word respected by others?

#8) Retaliation – An Eye For Eye Was Retired By Jesus

1. Do I seek revenge or give grace?
2. Do I bind the evil one on those afflicting me?
3. With my repentance from God, am I doing a restorative action? (Blessing)

#9) Love Your Enemies — Despite Them!

1. Do I bless and pray for those who curse me and spitefully use me?
2. Am I bringing any persecutors into the Kingdom of God?
3. Has God's love flowed through me and affected any sinners?
4. Is any of Jesus' perfection, within me, affecting anyone else?

#10) Almsgiving – Giving To The Needy

1. Is my motivation in giving recognition?
2. Do I get a statement of acknowledgement?
3. Am I obedient to hear Holy Spirit's instructions for my resources (time, attention, money)?
4. Am I under compulsion?

#11) Prayer – A Personal Dialogue With God

1. Am I spending enough time with God to get to know Him?
2. What does my prayer schedule and journal look like?
3. Do I know Him (Jesus & Holy Spirit personally)?

#12) Forgiveness – Who Is This Really For?

1. Do I carry any bitterness or unforgiveness?
2. When and how will I deal with this?

#13) Fasting – Private Prayer & Fasting Edifies Saints

1. Is my fasting successful and in secret?

#14) Real Wealth – Which Accounts Drive The Best Return?

1. How much treasure have I laid up in heaven?
2. What are the desires of my heart?
3. Where do I want my assets to go?

#15) Light & Darkness Signifies Wide & Narrow Road Issues

1. Is my body filled with light?
2. Is it clean, filled with Holy Spirit and power?
3. How much darkness must I get rid of?

#16) Two Masters: God or Mammon?

1. Who do I serve, God or mammon?
2. Am I rendering properly?

#17) Do Not Worry – Trust God, He Is Worthy!

1. Am I seeking God first, His kingdom and righteousness?
2. Am I anxious for anything?
3. Do I trust God with all my heart?
4. Am I content with what He has given me?

#18) Judging Others Poisons The Judge!

1. How many times have I tried to get the speck out of someone else's eye over the log in my own?
2. Do I realize that in how I judge others, those judgements will come back to me in a reciprocal measure?

#19) Pearls Represents Jesus Warning On What To Keep Private

1. Am I sharing private and intimate things with those who are unqualified?
2. Do I keep His business private?

#20) Ask – Seek – Knock – Encouragement To Persevere

1. Do I really spend time with God alone, asking, seeking and knocking?

#21) Golden Rule

1. Do I treat others as more important than myself?
2. When they talk do I really hear them?
3. Do I allow for Holy Spirit (indwelling me) to focus on and to hear their hearts?

#22) Two Ways Of Life: Sinner Or Saint, Wide Or Narrow Road?

1. Are my thoughts, words and actions in alignment with the narrow gate?

#23) False & True Leadership: Shepherds Or Hirelings?

1. Can I discern a wolf from a shepherd?
2. Which Am I?
3. What fruit do I put forth?

#24) True Way Into The Kingdom: Experiential Or Superficial?

1. Am I doing the will of God the Father?

25) Rock or Sand: Entering Into Abiding In Jesus Or Not

1. Do I know these 25 doctrines?
2. In becoming acquainted with these teachings are they changing me?
3. Am I acting on any of them?
4. Are they building up my spiritual esteem?

Appendix E: Entering Into Christianity (Jesus Himself)

Entering In Biblical Introduction (from Authorized, book by TW Kill)

"**Entering in**" is a Biblical term used to signify the personal adoption process God has delivered to each Saint, at their discretion. This isn't in conflict with church affiliations. Experiential vs. Spectator models are clear choices the informed can make. Adoption is critical to grow in Christ, from a saint to a believer, then to a disciple, and then to be an Ambassador for Christ (out on assignments). Initiating revelation impacts both intellectual and internal spiritual edification forever, and transforms a regenerated more Godly version of ourselves. Once truth is activate and abided in, the absolute effect ensues. Every Saint can elect to grow in Christ personally.

Jesus Himself is the advocate for all humanity, so all are welcome. Everyone does reap what they sow, which is standard cause and effect. When we "**enter in**" and spend the time with God there is a reciprocation response within us individually that builds us up to be more like God. Cause and effect isn't a secret in the world, so why are we surprised that the same principle works in God's kingdom?

We all choose our own lifestyle. We can to spectate where we "go to an event" and watch, or activate the experiential of the Kingdom of God. . We can be led by Holy Spirit, on assignments, wherever God opens the door, or whenever we are willing to extend kingdom standards to somebody in need. Bearing a burden is fulfilling the law of Christ (Gal 6:2), and simultaneously proving that God did send Jesus to earth with heavenly standards. Holy Spirit exerts His gifts while Jesus is glorified.

A Sporting Analogy

A baseball hitter doesn't have the developed eye to read the incoming pitch the first time at bat, nor does a basketball player have the developed touch in scoring three pointers on the first shot. I think we all agree that any championship performance level requires dedication to developing skill sets. Even though, technically Jesus gave each of us His keys, in order for us to have a championship performance level of our own, those keys require dedication to understand and develop these skill sets. If we abide, then the likelihood of the championship level experiential proficiency ensues.

Everyone is worthy, important, and has their own significant potential to be discovered and developed. So block out some time to dedicate for personal private classroom tutoring with Holy Spirit. You'll be hitting home runs and knocking down 3 pointers before you know it!

Much more detailed information in the book "[Authorized](#)".

Conclusion Q & A

Why is this sermon so important?

As the creator of the universe, and as our Savior, I'm sure Jesus and Holy Spirit had good reason to lay out Jesus' inauguration address with significant priority. This three chapter sequence must be the most impactful teaching anywhere, and can benefit anyone willing to really study and acknowledge the wisdom.

What is so remarkable about it?

Instead of at an Amphitheater, addressing the Aristocrats, it's remarkable God picked a hillside addressing mostly peasants for His opening monologue. Also remarkable is that Jesus chose mostly poorly educated fishermen to assist Him. But God saw their hearts and wanted Jesus to feed these sheep, to leverage where the fields were ripe!

How does this affect me?

Seeing Gods model of His methods and His teachings has challenged me to recalibrate my thinking and my values. I realize how long it takes to change a heart. I see the effect and wisdom of God dedicating 40 days of baptism processing for Jesus, producing this sermon. Because Jesus is our example, it implies spending significant time with Holy Spirit as well. Between both getting to know Holy Spirit and learning Jesus' teachings I have been affected greatly. I not only see things differently but I've learned to wait to hear what God says about something before answering or responding to circumstances. Acting out of abiding has a significant favor factor.

