



The Sermon on The Mount

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Our Judgment of Others

- Matthew 7:1-5 Do not judge others, but examine yourself. Critical, self-righteous, judgmental , condemning attitudes.
- Luke 6:37-42 Parallel passage to Matthew's but Luke tells us that forgiveness is the key not judging.
- Romans 2:1-6
- John 8:1-11

Righteous Judgments

- Christians must judge as in discernment not in the sense of Judge, court and sentence.
- Philippians 1:9-11
- Six areas of Christian judgments.
- 1. When disputes arise between believers, they should be settled in the church before members who can decide the matter. 1 Corinthians 6:1–8

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- 2. The local church is to judge serious sins of its members and take appropriate action. Matthew 18:17 1 Corinthians 5:9–13
- 3. Believers are to judge the doctrinal teaching of teachers and preachers by the Word of God. Matthew 7:15–20 1 Corinthians 14:29 1 John 4:1
- 4. Christians have to discern if others are believers in order to obey Paul's command in 2 Corinthians 6:14.

Righteous Judgments

- **5. Those in the church must judge which men have the qualifications necessary for elders and deacons. 1 Timothy 3:1-1**
- **6. We have to discern which people are unruly, fainthearted, weak, etc., and treat them according to the instructions in the Bible. 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22**

The Pearls

- Matthew 7:6
- The revelations and insights into the Kingdom of God and the Word of God.
- The exhortation is to not be judging but discerning and we must share with people with wisdom.
- We can judge where people are at and give them an appropriate word, or we can share a pearl without wisdom and timing and see them turn on us.

The Power of Prayer

- Matthew 7:7-11
- Specifically ask that we not be judgmental, confess the “plank in our own eye” forgive others and ask for wisdom and discernment.
- Power in prayer. Luke 11:1-13
- Prayer is the key to change.
- We need to ask for wisdom. James 1:5

The Law of Love

- Matthew 7:12 The Royal Law, the law of Love is the key verse for the chapter.
- James 2:8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.
- This great truth is a principle that ought to govern our attitudes toward others. It only applies to believers, and it must be practiced in every area of life. The person who practices the Golden Rule refuses to say or do anything that would harm himself or others.

The Narrow Gate

- Matthew 7:13-14
- Luke 13:22-30
- Salvation is found only through Jesus Christ. John 10:1-2 / 14:6 Acts 4:12
- The first Christians were called “The Way” Acts 9:2 / 19:9,23 / 22:4
- All roads lead somewhere but not to heaven.

False Prophets

- Matthew 7:15-20
- Watch, discern, beware, judge the prophecies, works and lives of prophets, because the false prophets will be deceiving.
- Test, prove, try their fruit, their words and their lives.
- Rat poison is 97.225 food and 2.775 poison just enough to kill the rat.

Lord, Lord

- Matthew 7:21-23
- The key is to know the Lord and to do his will.
- Religious language does not prove relationship and doing the will of God.
- Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Built on The Rock

- Matthew 7:24-27
- Putting the Word into practice.
- Matthew 5:19 Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Built on The Rock

- The storms of life will destroy those who are not founded on the Rock of the Word of God in knowledge and in practice.
- James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
- 23 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

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- 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.
- 25 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.

The Authority of Jesus

- Matthew 7:28-29
- The Word of God taught under the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.
- The crowd who heard Jesus.
- Recognized the authority of truth.
- Recognized a life transforming sermon.
- Recognized the power of God.



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