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“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 4:17

“Seeing the crowds, **he** went up on the mountain, and when **he** sat down, **his** disciples came to **him**. And **he** opened **his** mouth and taught them ...”

Matthew 5:1-2

“... for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

He was ...

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blessed = favored by God, happy,
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“... for theirs **is** the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3, 10

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“You are the salt of the earth ...” (5:13)

“You are the light of the world.” (5:14)

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Oppressive “we”

Oppressive “we”

Expressive “me”

King Jesus tells us ...

1. Who we are - a new identity
2. How **we live** - a new **authority**

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1. Who we are - a new identity

2. How we live - a new authority

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” (5:17)

Six Case Studies

“You have heard.... But I say to you”

Six Case Studies

- anger toward another (21-26)

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- anger toward another (21-26)
- a lustful intent (27-30)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27-28

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- anger toward another (21-26)
- a lustful intent (27-30)
- groundless **divorce** (31-32)

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- loving your **enemy** (43-48)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:43-44

King Jesus tells us ...

1. Who we are - a new identity
2. How we live - a new authority
3. What **we live for** - a new **security**

- Don't live for **status**.

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“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 6:1

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He applies this to our **giving**, **praying**, and **fasting**.

- Don't live for status.
- Don't live for **stuff**.

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“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys and
where thieves do not break in and steal. For
where your treasure is, there your heart will be
also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

If you live for stuff ...

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- you are setting yourself up for **anxiety**.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

“For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6:25, 32, 33

King Jesus tells us ...

1. Who we are - a new identity
2. How we live - a new authority
3. What we live for - a new security
4. How **we fix what is broken** - a new **responsibility**

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.”

Matthew 7:1

Four safety tips:

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“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.” (7:5)

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“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.” (7:6)

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- Keep **asking** your **Father**.

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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” (7:7)

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“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (7:11)

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- Stop trying to force-feed.
- Keep asking your Father.
- Be creative in your **kindness**.

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“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” (7:12)

King Jesus tells us ...

1. Who we are - a new identity
2. How we live - a new authority
3. What we live for - a new security
4. How we fix what is broken - a new responsibility
5. The **choice before us** - a new **destiny**

- Two gates (7:13-14)

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- Two **trees** (7:15-20)

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- Two **workers** (7:21-23)

- Two gates (7:13-14)
- Two trees (7:15-20)
- Two workers (7:21-23)
- Two **builders** (7:24-27)

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock ...

“And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”

Matthew 7:24, 26

“And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.”

Matthew 7:28-29

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poor = beggarly, destitute

“Jesus did not say, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit’ because they are poor in spirit. He did not think, ‘What a fine thing it is to be destitute of every spiritual attainment or quality. It makes people worthy of the kingdom’

“We merely substitute another banal legalism for the ecstatic pronouncement of the gospel.

“Those poor in spirit are called ‘blessed’ by Jesus, not because they are in a meritorious condition, but because, precisely in spite of and in the midst of their ever so deplorable condition,

“the rule of the heavens has moved
redemptively upon and through them, by the
grace of Christ.”

Dallas Willard

“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

Revelation 3:17

“Of all things, Christianity isn’t supposed to be about gathering up the good people (shiny! happy! squeaky clean!) and excluding the bad people (frightening! alien! repulsive!) for the very simple reason that there aren’t any good people.”

Francis Spufford

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”

2 Corinthians 8:9