

The Sermon on the Mount - Conclusion (Part 1)

The Golden Rule & The Narrow Gate

Matthew 7:12–14

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1. Conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount

The Golden Rule

2. Demonstration of the Golden Rule

What do I want from others and what does Christ want from us?

3. Responses to the Sermon on the Mount

The Narrow Gate & The Wide Gate

It is not IF you will respond to Christ but
HOW you will respond.

Consider the grass of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Judging Others

7^b "Judge not, that you be not judged.² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.³ Why do you see 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,' when there is the log 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."

⁶ "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."

¹ Greek *mammon*, a Semitic word for money or possessions ² Or *a single cubit to his stature*; a cubit was about 18 inches or 45 centimeters ³ For 6:25-33 see parallel Luke 12:22-31 ⁴ For 7:1-5 see parallel Luke 6:37, 38, 41, 42

One Gate is Narrow & One is Wide

One Path is Difficult & One is Easy

One Path is Lonely & One is Populated

One Path Leads to Life & One leads to Destruction.

the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.
⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ 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!

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A Tree and Its Fruit

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut

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2 For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

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