



Different - Part 1 - Different Independence
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Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. - Matthew 5:1-2

INDEPENDENCE IN OUR CULTURE

- “I can handle it ON MY OWN.”
- “I am my own AUTHORITY.”
- “I do not NEED GOD.”

Jesus calls His followers to live IN DEPENDENCE on God.

“Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” - Matthew 5:3

(Jesus) “This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’” - Matthew 6:9

LIVING IN DEPENDENCE

1) Put God FIRST.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- Matthew 6:10

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. - Matthew 6:33

2) Trust in God’s PROVISION.

Give us today our daily bread. - Matthew 6:11

⁷ Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you... ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. - Matthew 7:7, 11

3) Depend on God’s GRACE.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
- Matthew 6:12-13

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- Matthew 7:24