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Storms On The Horizon The Sermon On The Mount MATTHEW 7:12-20 SIMPLE RIGHT?

The Core For Christianity: Love God Love Others



Matthew 7:12–20

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

"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."

DO vs. 12

Loving God First

- o Before we can love overs, we must know God's love
- Blessings of God = intimacy with God
- Provider and sustainer of life = demonstration of God's love
- Prayer responses always for our good



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DO vs. 12

Loving God First Loving Others

- Not this way; "You shall love your neighbors and hate your enemy." – Matthew 5:43
- o Begins with prayer Matthew 5:44
- Forgiveness is core Matthew 6:12-15
- Not judgmentally Matthew 7:1-5
- Remember our Good Father Matthew 7:7-8



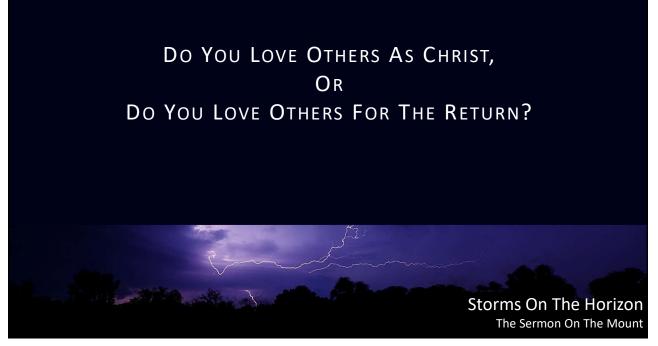
DO vs. 12

Loving God First Loving Others Returning Actions

- o Beginning step to a relationship is compassion
- $\circ~$ Don't want to be judged? Don't judge others







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DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices

- $\circ~$ Christ instructions enter the narrow gate
- $\circ~$ Avoid the wide gate



DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices

Two Descriptions

- \circ The wide gate
 - o Easy
 - $\circ~$ Leads to destruction
 - \circ Many follow
- The narrow gate
 - o Way is hard -persecution, discipline, self-denial
 - \circ Leads to life John 10:10
 - $\circ~$ Few follow

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DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices Two Descriptions The Way - John 14:6–7 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices Two Descriptions The Way - John 14:6–7

- $\circ \ \ \text{Only Jesus}$
- \circ Only truth
- \circ Only life
- \circ No exceptions



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DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices Two Descriptions The Way - John 14:6–7 The World - Romans 1:21–23 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

DIRECTION vs. 13-14

Two Choices Two Descriptions The Way - John 14:6–7 The World - Romans 1:21–23

- o The gospel requires exposes our depravity
- o Strives continually but never achieves acceptance
- Religion masquerades as relationship
- False living will be exposed





DECEPTION vs. 15-20

Realty

- False prophets exist
 - Anyone teaching a "different gospel"
 - Anyone adding to grace
 - Anyone denying the humanity and deity of Jesus



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DECEPTION vs. 15-20

Realty

- False prophets exist
- Prior warning
 - Righteousness exceed the scribes and pharisees
 - Wide gate is easy and destructive
 - Ravenous wolves
 - o Fruitless trees burned



DECEPTION vs. 15-20

Realty Face Value

 $\circ~$ Sheep outwardly

 \circ Ravenous wolves



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DECEPTION vs. 15-20

Realty

Face Value

Inspection Uncovers The Truth

- $\circ~$ Fruit reveal the tree type of fruit
 - o Teaching consistent with biblical principles
 - Lifestyle reflective of Jesus
 - Conviction driven by the Holy Spirit
- o Fruit reveals the health of the tree
 - Reproducing disciples
 - Evidence of Holy Spirit through actions

John 15:1–11

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

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