

Due October 1/8 2017

The blue parts are for the second week, adjusting as best fits your class; the whole thing is a little much for one week!

The Gospel (Manifesto) of the Kingdom (4:23)!
The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5-7

Monday (September 25)—prayerfully read and enjoy Matthew 5:1-12.

1-2. What commands are in the Sermon on the Mount?! Here are the references I found which contain commands (directly or by inference); please give the command, and prayerfully consider your current practice of each of these directives (commands).

_____ (5:12), let your _____ so shine (5:16), understand Christ's relationship to the _____—to fulfill it (and you do the same, from the heart) (5:17-48), don't seek man's _____ (6:1-6), pray not like the _____ but as Christ teaches (6:7-15), lay up treasures in _____ and not on _____ (6:19-24), trust God (don't worry) (6:25-34), don't judge others hypocritically yet do _____ (7:1-6), ask, seek, and _____ (7:7-12), don't follow the crowd (7:13-23), _____ and do these things (7:24-27).

3. What do you suppose is being mourned in 5:4's "Blessed are they that mourn"? _____

4. Martin Luther said that righteousness in 5:5 ("Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness") speaks of two kinds of righteousness, active and passive. Can you recall how he distinguished them; if not, how do you suppose that he did?

5. How do the first half of the beatitudes (5:3-6) relate to the second half (5:7-10)? _____

6. Jesus gave the beatitudes in the third person (not addressing the disciples directly), until the very end (5:11-12), when He began applying the message to them directly; why might He have done that? _____

Tuesday (September 26)—prayerfully read Matthew 5:13-48, and then answer the questions.

1. What is the MO (modus operandi, method of operating) of the citizen of the kingdom of heaven (5:13-16), and how can the believer be that? _____

2. Who will be great in the kingdom of heaven (5:19)? _____

3. How do you suppose our righteousness can exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees (5:20)? _____

4. Five times the expression "from the heart" (and not just outward action) is used in these verses (5:21-47). Match these with the second table of the Ten Commandments, by summarizing in your own words SOM (Sermon on the Mount) wording which corresponds to the command!

a. 6th Thou shalt not kill 5:21-26
Do not be angry with your brother without a cause
(sample)

b. 7th Thou shalt not commit adultery 5:27-32

c. 8th Thou shalt not steal 5:38-42

d. 9th Thou shalt not bear false witness 5:33-37

e. 10th Thou shalt not covet 5:43-47

5. Does the woman (the one looked upon) have any responsibility in the prohibition of 5:28? _____

6. Give some practical ways we can fulfill 5:44-47. _____

(bonus) Can we obey 5:48 (and if so, how)? _____

Wednesday (September 27)—prayerfully read Matthew 6:1-18, and answer the following.

1. Please read the following from *Halley's Bible Handbook*, and respond to it briefly! _____

(Halley's Bible Handbook) "It must have been that Matthew regarded this Sermon on the mount as the epitome of Jesus' Teaching, of which His whole ministry was an illustration. Containing, as it does, the very Heart of Jesus' Teaching, we may think of the Sermon on the Mount as being to the New Testament what the Ten Commandments were to the Old Testament. **Every Christian ought to memorize the Sermon on the Mount, and strive earnestly to Live according to its Teachings.**" "Jesus was teaching continually, and it is likely that he uttered some of these words, in varying forms, hundreds of times. This may be a collection of his representative sayings, a sort of summary of his main teachings. Their literary beauty, as well as their matchless teaching, is unexcelled in literature."

2. What reward could be included in the Father's reward mentioned in 6:1, 4, 6, 18? This reward is not identified in this text, just that it is an out-in-the-open reward for those who do their good works in secret, not to be seen of men. _____

3-5. In teaching His disciples how to pray, the Lord began, "After this manner therefore pray ye," meaning that He was giving them a pattern (rather than simply words to memorize and recite, not that that is wrong); give the underlying principle to pray for each of the nine parts of this prayer pattern.

Our Father who art in heaven _____

Hallowed by thy name _____

Thy kingdom come _____

Thy will be done... _____

Give us this day our daily bread _____

And forgive us our debts as we forgive... _____

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver... _____

For Thine is the kingdom... _____

Amen _____

(bonus) How many of these nine parts are requests? _____

6. Summarize your understanding of the place of fasting in a Spirit-filled Christian's life. _____

Thursday (September 28)—prayerfully read Matthew 6:19-34, and answer the following.

1. The Bible has much to say regarding how to handle money, 6:19-21 establishing one of the important principles. One godly man is credited with summarizing some of the principles in the motto "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can." List two or three biblical principles on this subject (ideally ones which have helped you). _____

(bonus) In what way does money hold us accountable? _____

2. (additional related to 6:19-21) Is life more about “no man who wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life” (II Tim. 2:4); or, that “He has given us richly all things to enjoy” (I Tim. 6:17)? _____

3. Explain briefly “the light of the body is the eye” (6:22-24).

4. Give the general teaching of 6:25-34. _____

5. In what ways are people in your world tempted to worry?

6. Paraphrase “Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof”! _____

Friday (September 29)— prayerfully read Matthew 7:1-14, and answer the following.

1. Does Matthew 7:1 mean “don’t judge others”? Answer this question by paraphrasing this verse in a way that makes it clear what is meant by “Judge not.” _____

2. How generous will others be with us (7:2)? _____

3. Give an example of “casting your pearls before swine.” _____

4. I used three abbreviations to summarize a key point from each chapter of the SOM—can you remember them, and summarize them? 5-MO modus operandi (method of operating)—be salt and _____ (5:13-16); 6-RP reference point—live life with awareness of presence of _____ (seek approval of _____ and not _____) (6:2-6, 18); 7-ASK ask, seek, _____ (7:7-11)—derive ability to live this sermon from dependence on Christ (faith in Him), asking for _____-filling, and then taking initiative in expecting great things from God, _____ great things for God!

5. Describe the “straight and narrow” way for you at this time in your life, versus the “broad and wide” way. _____

6. Take a verse from this section with you for the day.

Saturday (September 30)—prayerfully read Matthew 7:15-29, and answer the following.

1. Give the primary point of 7:15-20 by completing the following: false prophets (teachers and people in general) are known not by what they say, but by _____. Give a specific example of this (either real or made up). _____

2. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus told His disciples, “Judge not” (7:1), but now He is telling them “by their fruits ye shall know them” (7:20). How is this not a contradiction? _____

3. What is directly connected to true salvation (7:21-23)? _____

4. What is the invitation at the close of this Sermon on the Mount (7:24-27)? _____

5. According to Commentator Leon Morris, there is a term in 7:26 which Matthew used at the end of major discourses; what do you suppose that term (expression) is? _____
6. Take with you the outline given you (see tomorrow) of this Sermon, and seek to incorporate it!

Sunday (October 1)—prayerfully review outline of Matthew 5-7.

- 5 TO BE—**Beatitudes** (1-12), **Similitudes**—be like salt and light (13-15), **Attitudes**—be whole (keep law from heart, 16-48)
- 6 NOT TO BE—not to be **seen of men** (1-18), not **double-minded** (19-24), not **worrying** (25-34)
- 7 THE QUESTION—will you **judge** self first (1-6), will you **ASK** (7-12), will you **choose** right way (13-29)?