



Minutes With Jesus

Straight Talk From The Savior
About The Things That Matter Most

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“Straight Talk About Your Needs”

MATTHEW 7:1-12

Introduction: Today we are going to discover the difference between our “wants” and our “needs” in four key areas of life that Jesus addresses in this section of the Sermon on the Mount.

I. **Sinning Christians** (Matthew 7:1-5)

We want to condemn sinning Christians.

We need to restore sinning Christians.

Matthew 7:1-5 ¹ “Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ² For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you look at 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,’ and behold, the log is 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.”

Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”

James 5:19-20 ¹⁹ “My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

II. **Evangelism** (Matthew 7:6)

We want everyone to accept God’s message.

We need to understand not everyone will accept God’s message.

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Matthew 7:6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Matthew 10:14 “Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.”

Proverbs 25:11 “Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances.”

III. Prayer (Matthew 7:7-11)

We want God to answer our every prayer.

We need God to answer our best prayers.

Matthew 7:7-11 ⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!”

IV. Other People (Matthew 7:12)

We want people to treat us better than we treat them.

We need to treat others as we want them to treat us.

Matthew 7:12 “In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

Conclusion