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# Kings the Speech



**Examining Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount**

# Matthew

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Someone once criticized C. S. Lewis for “not caring for the Sermon on the Mount.” He replied, “As to ‘caring for’ the Sermon on the Mount, if ‘caring for’ here means ‘liking’ or enjoying, I suppose no one ‘cares for’ it. Who can like being knocked flat on his face by a sledge hammer? I can hardly imagine a more deadly spiritual condition than that of a man who can read that passage with tranquil pleasure.”

**C.S. Lewis, “God in the Dock” p. 181-182**







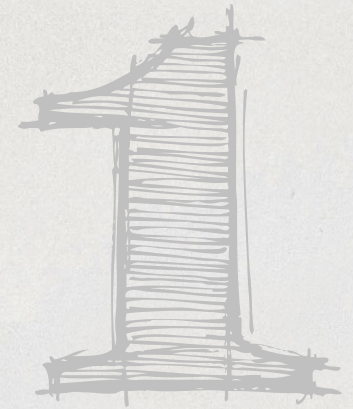
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What are you hungry for?

What passions or desires guide  
and occupy your mind, money and  
energy?

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for things on God's menu.**

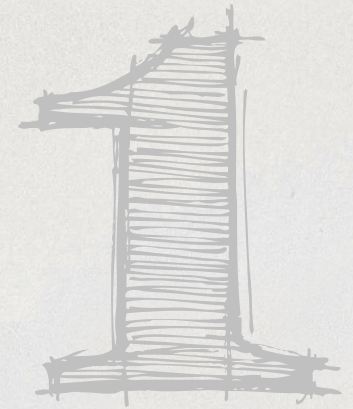


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**The principles and values Jesus calls us to in these three chapters are among the most challenging in the entire Bible!**

Throughout the whole of the OT, the word '*blessed*' meant to be favored, and when you get to the Beatitudes and you see all these, '*blessed*', it is describing someone who is favored by God. But think about this, who envies the poor in spirit, who envies those who mourn, the meek, those who are hungering and thirsting ... *no one right?* Nobody envies the meek. ***THAT IS UNTIL*** you realize who the Beatitudes are a description of!

Because *before* the Beatitudes describe what you and I can be, they first describe *who Jesus is!*

*Why the Sermon on the Mount is so tough to live out.*

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

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# Prayer is essential for a healthy spiritual life.

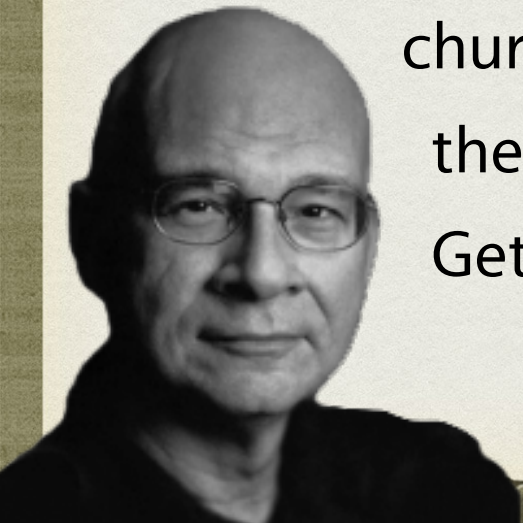


Matthew 6:5 “And when you pray...”

Matthew 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray...”

Matthew 7:7-8 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

“Jesus taught his disciples to pray, healed people with prayers, denounced the corruption of the temple worship (which, he said, should be a ‘house of prayer’), and insisted that some demons could be cast out only through prayer. He prayed often and regularly with fervent cries and tears (Heb. 5:7), and sometimes all night. The Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him as he was praying (Luke 3:21–22), and he was transfigured with the divine glory as he prayed (Luke 9:29). When he faced his greatest crisis, he did so with prayer. We hear him praying for his disciples and the church on the night before he died (John 17:1–26) and then petitioning God in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Finally, he died praying.”



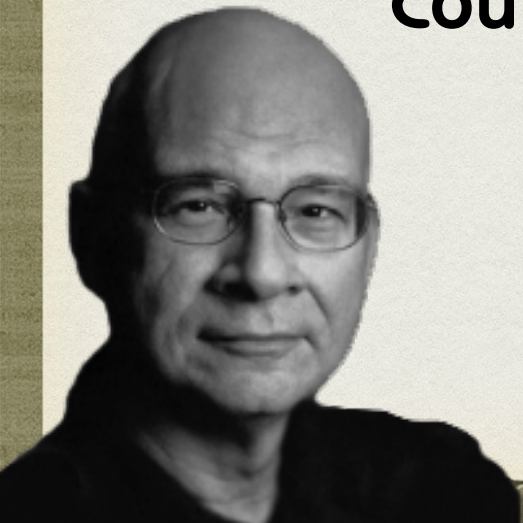
**Tim Keller, Prayer page 27**

Ephesians 1:16- 20 <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, **so that you may know him better.** <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead

**“Paul’s prayers for his friends contains no appeals for changes in their circumstances... in these prayers you see not one petition for a better emperor, for protection from marauding armies, or even for bread for their next meal. Rather, what he asked for most frequently for his friends - what he believed was the most important thing God could give them - What is that?**

**It is to know him better.”**

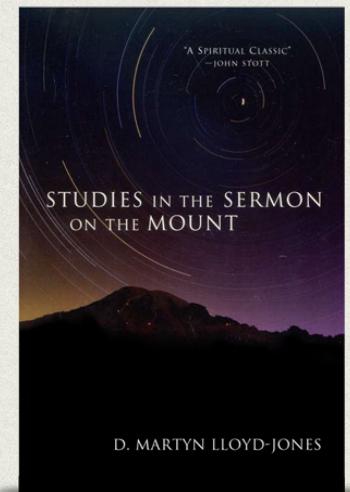
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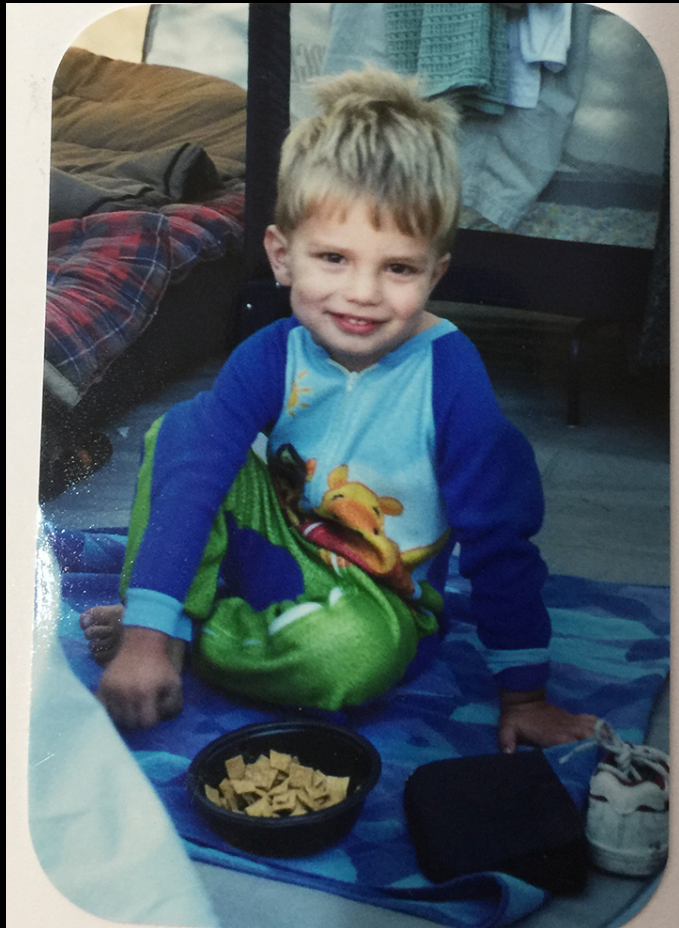


Prayer is beyond any question the highest activity of the human soul. Man is at his greatest and highest when, upon his knees, he comes face to face with God... therefore it is the ultimate test of a man's true spiritual condition. There is nothing that tells the truth about us a Christian people so much as our prayer life. Everything we do in life is easier than prayer.

**Martin Lloyd Jones**

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**Taking these  
teachings seriously  
demonstrates that you  
belong to God's family.**



Matthew 5:44-45 “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,<sup>45</sup> **that you may be children of your Father** in heaven.”

John 15:8 “This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, **showing yourselves to be my disciples.**”

John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.<sup>35</sup> **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,** if you love one another.”

The word "*Disciple*" occurs 269 times in the New Testament. The word "*Christian*" is found only 3 times.



*"A disciple is a learner, a student, an apprentice - a practitioner..."*

*-The Great Omission" by Dallas Willard p. xi*

## 2. "Pray for those who persecute you"

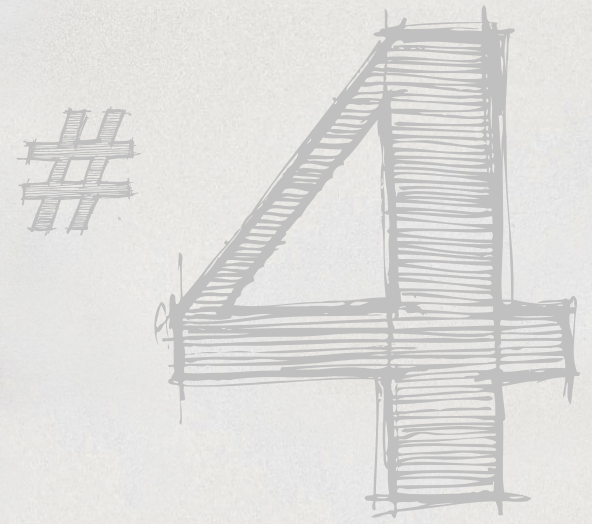
-Matthew 5 :44

Jesus wants us to ask God for their highest good. Wouldn't it be great if we just began to pray for the people who are against us?

***Praying what?* That they would be saved.**

Just that prayer in and of itself will fill your heart with love. It will wash your soul to pray like that.

# How do I get eternal life?



Matthew 7:13 “**Enter through the narrow gate**. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.”

John 10:9 “**I am the gate**; whoever enters through me will be saved.”



Grace

*is opposed to  
earning, not*

Effort.

*-Dallas Willard*

1 Corinthians 11:25–26     <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This **cup** is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in **remembrance of me.**”

<sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this **bread** and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

