



DAY 01 | Principle:

Believers are called to exercise righteous discernment in whom they help and how they offer help.

Read Matthew 7:1-6, Revelation 22:15, Matthew 10:14, Matthew 18:15, and Psalm 9:7-10

1. Jesus uses the word “brother”, “dogs”, and “pigs” to describe people. What do these terms reveal about exercising judgment and our response?
2. Read **Romans 12:3**: What does Jesus require of us before removing the speck from our brother’s eye? Why is that important?

DAY 02 | Principle:

God provides the Holy Spirit to give us the ability to love people rightly.

Read Matthew 7:7-12, Luke 11:13, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Romans 12:3-8, and Galatians 5:22-24

1. Why might the gifts from the Holy Spirit (as noted in the supplemental verses above) be the “good gifts” that Jesus is encouraging us to ask for in this teaching?
2. Why is it that we expect other Christians to understand our good intentions when we hurt them, yet we assume the worst about their motives when they hurt us?



DAY 03 | **Principle:**
Jesus is the only pathway to Heaven.

Read Matthew 7:13-23, John 10:9, John 14:6, and Matthew 25:31-46

1. According to Jesus, what are the three reasons many people will not enter Heaven?
2. Why do **you** believe you will be saved and spend eternity in Heaven?

DAY 04 | **Principle:** *For followers of Jesus to withstand the forces of this world, they must obediently build their lives upon His Words.*

Read Matthew 7:24-29, Isaiah 33:22, Matthew 28:18, Proverbs 14:12, Luke 8:14, and Psalm 127:1

1. When evaluating the foundation of our lives, what does Jesus mean by “sand” and “rock”?
2. Looking at some of the bad outcomes of your life, in what ways were you choosing sand instead of rock? What caused you to make those choices?