

9. Instead of hearing the spirit of the law, as well as the letter of the law, the people looked for what?

10. In this sermon, Jesus is going after the what?

11. When Jesus says, “You have heard that it was said by them of old time....,” He was referring to whom?

12. The commonly accepted view of His day was what when it came to oaths?

13. God is not pleased when we try to look for a loophole or try to get around His will for us on the basis of what?

14. Who did Jesus set up as the authority?

15. What two things were the people astonished at, concerning Jesus and His teaching?

16. Is Jesus teaching in verse 34 that it is wrong to take an oath? Why or why not?

17. God didn’t need to make a promise but He did so as a simple way to emphasize what?

18. Jesus is saying that it is wrong if you believe you have to go around swearing by something to obligate you to do what?

19. What is God’s footstool?

20. What is despicable to the Lord?

21. What chapter records our Lord’s scathing criticism of the external legalism of the Pharisees?

22. What, according to Matthew 23:23-24, was the matter with swearing by the altar, swearing by the temple, or swearing by heaven?

23. Are you ever like the Pharisees in how you respond to the New Testament commands and exhortations?

24. Have you reduced the Christian life down to a set of rules that you can check off, with no regard for the condition of your heart?

25. Do the words of Isaiah 29:13 describe you in any way?

26. It is much easier and much better and much more honoring to the Lord to simply be what with your speech?

27. If we mean, “yes,” or “no,” we should say what?

28. The deception Jesus describes is from whom?

29. Who is a liar and the father of lies?

30. Who are we like when we lie and have no interest or desire to tell the truth?

31. What is the basic question being asked in Psalm 15:1?

32. Who is a man of true integrity and godliness?

33. What does it mean, “He who swears to his own hurt and does not change...?”

34. Scripture tells us to be people of our word, even when it does what?

35. How might this sermon be addressing one particular area of your life?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Matthew 1:1-5:42

2) What is your normal understanding of verses 38-42?

3) What makes it possible for any of us to respond the way Jesus said we should respond in verse 39?

4) Are you a retaliating person? In what ways? To whom? What does God want you to do in relation to those situations?

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TRUSTWORTHY SPEECH

Matthew 5:32-37

(Series#29)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Trustworthy Speech.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What did Jesus refuse to do with the ridiculous and baseless accusations that were hurled at Him?
2. The response Jesus gave to the high priest opened the floodgates of what?
3. When the high priest put Jesus under oath, Jesus answered the question of His messiahship with what?
4. Whose views of God's law had the people of Israel been taught up to the time of Christ?
5. Review: Rather than altering or modifying God's law, Jesus was correcting what?
6. God's intention in His law is that our hearts would be what?
7. God has always made it clear that He is not satisfied with what?
8. In this text, Jesus addresses one of the most common problems, in His day and ours, and that is to try to avoid doing the will of God by doing what?

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