

Sermon on the Mount



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CHECK YOUR HEART IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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IF YOU HAD TO GIVE A SHORT SPEECH ON A MOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF PEOPLE ABOUT BEING HAPPY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I. JESUS FULFILLS THE LAW (MATT. 5:17-20)

- We are commanded by God to love the Lord with all our heart. What's the condition of your heart toward God's Word, His Kingdom, His house, and His mission?
- There were three types of laws in OT times: Moral Law, Ceremonial Law, Civil Law. All of these laws point to Jesus, and He fulfilled them. How do you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you on which laws to follow as Christians today?
- Read Matthew 5:19. Have you ever relaxed one of God's commandments or encouraged someone else to do the same? How can staying close to Jesus help guard against this?

II. CHECK YOUR HEART IN ATTRACTIONS (MATT. 5:27-30)

- Jesus teaches that adultery is not only about our outward actions, but also what happens within our hearts. How can we guard our hearts against lust and temptation?
- Jesus uses strong language about removing anything that causes us to stumble. What stumbling blocks might need to be removed from your life, and what guardrails or boundaries can help you do that?
- Jesus knows the secrets and the depths of our hearts. Are you confessing your secrets to God? If not, what's stopping you from letting the light in?

QUESTIONS CONTINUE...

III. CHECK YOUR HEART IN MARRIAGE (MATT. 5:31-32)

- God's design for marriage is a lifelong covenant. How does that fit with your view of what marriage should be?
- Spouses can sometimes find themselves fighting WITH each other rather than fighting FOR each other, forgetting that they're on the same team. What are some ways you can proactively fight FOR your marriage?
- Pastor Mike said, "From today forward, we need to live in a way that honors Jesus. If you're single, stay pure. Repent now and turn toward Jesus." What are some practical ways you can honor Jesus in your relationships, whether single or married?



ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

We are not saved because we are already perfect, but we are saved by Christ who gives us new hearts. This revelation guides my life so that I want to follow Jesus. (Galatians 2:19-21)



ASK

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.” (Galatians 2:20-21)

“When was the last time you had your heart checked?” If God searched your heart today, what would He find? What could God do through our church, families, and mission if our hearts were fully surrendered to Him?



CHALLENGE

Set aside time each day this week to intentionally ask God to search your heart. Reflect on Psalm 139:23-24, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything that needs to change, and respond in obedience to what He shows you.

PRAYER

Use these prompts to help guide your prayer:

- Ask God to search, exempt, and purify your heart
- Pray for strength and self-control to remove stumbling blocks
- Pray for marriages, relationships, and those honoring God in singleness