

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S ETHIC: THE TRUE LIFE

True Humility - Matthew 7:1-11
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7:1-5 I. Humility leads to gentleness.

cf. Ephesians 4:1-3; I Peter 3:8

:1,2 A. Do not judge your brother.

"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."

cf. II Samuel 12:1-7; Matthew 7:6; 23; I Corinthians 4:4, 5; 5:12, 13; 11:31

:3-5 B. Repent before correcting.

"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 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."

cf. John 7:53-8:11; Romans 2:3; Galatians 6:1; II Timothy 2:25, 26

7:6 II. Humility leads to discerning restraint.

"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs..."

cf. Proverbs 9:8; Matthew 10:13-15; 15:26; II Peter 2:2

A. Preventing unnecessary contempt

"...let them trample them underfoot..."

cf. Acts 13:44-51; Titus 3:10, 11

B. Preventing unnecessary hostility

"...and turn to attack you."

cf. Acts 18:5, 6; 28:17-28

7:7-11 III. Humility leads to prayer.

A. Ask

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

cf. James 4:2

B. Believe

"For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

cf. Mark 11:24; John 14:13, 14; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; I John 5:14, 15

C. Consider

"Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

cf. Galatians 4:4-7