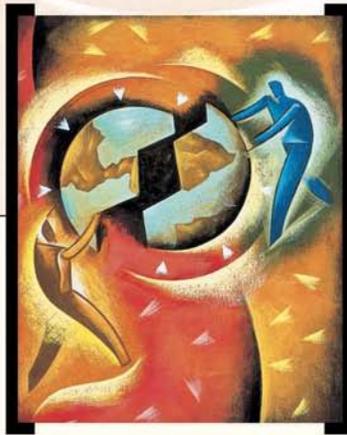


[ A Devotional Study *on* Genuine Faith  
from the Sermon on the Mount ]

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Two Masters



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

# CHAPTER 1

1. As you read the Sermon on the Mount, what made the most significant impression?
2. What did you learn about the kingdom of heaven?
3. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching in these chapters?
4. Which verse do you think best expresses the message of the Sermon on the Mount?
5. Using the Sermon on the Mount, describe the kind of righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees.
6. If some shall be called "least" in the kingdom of heaven and some called "great," what determines the difference between them?
7. Do you look forward with anticipation or with fear to the judgment spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10? Give the reason for your answer. If you feel dread, what changes will you make in your life?



## CHAPTER 2

1. According to Daniel 4, how did Nebuchadnezzar's experience bring him to an understanding of God's sovereignty?
2. How does the knowledge of God's sovereignty impact your thinking about anxiety, fear, and trials?
3. As you read the account of the rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-27, what did you learn about the kingdom of heaven?
4. What instructions did Jesus give the young man? What was the ruler's response? What did reviewing the Ten Commandments reveal about the rich young ruler?
5. In Jesus' parable about the wheat and the tares, what does the wheat represent? What do the tares represent?
6. How can you distinguish between the true wheat and the tares? Who are the reapers, and what will they do with each of these at the end of the age?

7. If the visible kingdom of heaven has not yet arrived, where is the king reigning at the present time?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. From Matthew 24–25 describe what it will be like when the visible kingdom arrives. On what basis does the king separate the sheep from the goats, and what will be the final outcome for each group?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How does Matthew 24–25 parallel the description in the Sermon on the Mount of those who inherit the kingdom of heaven and the earth?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Do you believe the Sermon on the Mount is for this age or the age yet to come? Give the reasons for your answer.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What impressed you the most about this week's study?

## CHAPTER 3

1. Is the lifestyle depicted by the Sermon on the Mount possible to achieve in today's society? State the reason for your answer.
2. What do Genesis 8:21 and Jeremiah 17:9 teach us about the condition of the human heart apart from Christ?
3. What did you learn from Romans 7:14-24 about the law and man's ability to keep the law?
4. What is the solution to Paul's struggle in Romans 7?
5. According to Jesus, what makes us a slave of sin? How can we be freed from slavery to sin?
6. What did you learn from Romans 6:1-7 about the old self or old man? What happened to the body of sin according to verse 6?



## CHAPTER 4

1. After reading Matthew 5:21-26, what do you think is the true intent of the Law?
2. If the Pharisees followed the letter of the Law and practiced their righteousness before men in order to be noticed by men, how can our righteousness exceed theirs? What must be different about us?
3. What does Jesus teach about burning anger toward a brother, calling him “good for nothing,” or calling him a fool? According to this passage, when does murder really begin?
4. What is the difference between the kind of anger that can lead to murder and the righteous anger that abhors sin?
5. According to Matthew 5:28, how serious is entertaining lust in our thoughts?



## CHAPTER 5

1. In reviewing the laws in Exodus 21:1,12-36, Leviticus 24:17-22, and Deuteronomy 19:10-21, what did you learn about God's view of sin and its punishment? Do you think God is too harsh, and if so, why do you think so?
2. What did you learn as you listed the words blood, purge, and witness?
3. How does our judicial system compare to God's system? How do you think our country would be affected by implementing God's Law with swiftness and efficiency?
4. Why was the law "an eye for an eye" given? According to Mark 12:28-34 and Romans 13:8-10, what is the true basis for the law?
5. From reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, how do you see love fulfilling the Law?



## CHAPTER 6

1. How would you describe your prayer life? When do you pray, and what prompts you to pray?
2. What did you learn about your relationship with God by the first index sentence of Jesus' prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name"? What is the role of worship in communicating with God?
3. What is the focus of the next index sentence: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done"? Is God your first allegiance? Are you yielded to His will, and if so, how does your life demonstrate your submission?
4. "Give us this day our daily bread..." Why do you think Jesus places His petition after the first two index sentences? How often does God desire us to come to Him with our needs?



## CHAPTER 7

1. What comes to your mind as you read Matthew 6:19-21? What does it mean to “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven”?
2. How do you keep from laying up treasures on earth? According to Matthew 6:22-23, where does the seduction by possessions begin? What attracted Eve to the forbidden fruit?
3. What is God’s chief rival in our society today? What things consume the most time and energy in your life? What things are you most anxious about?
4. Does relying solely on God’s provision relieve us of the responsibility of working? What did you see from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 about living an undisciplined life?



## CHAPTER 8

1. In Matthew 7:1-5 Jesus instructs the people about judging others. In your own words, what is His warning in verse 2?
2. What does it mean to “first take the log out of your own eye”? What does Jesus call the one who judges without doing this?
3. What makes the judgment that Jesus discusses in Matthew 7:1-5 wrong?
4. What parallels do you see between Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 2:1-6,17-24?
5. If we are not to judge, how can we deal with a brother in sin? What are God’s specific instructions in James 5:19-20 and Galatians 6:1?
6. What is to be our attitude when dealing with a brother in sin? From James 5:19-20 and Galatians 6:1, how does the proper attitude of the restorer benefit the one in sin?



## CHAPTER 9

1. What is the key to living a life of righteousness that exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees? What are the instructions given in Matthew 7:7-12?
2. What point does Jesus make by telling the story in Luke 11:5-13? Do you think He was telling us that even though He's our friend, He is reluctant to give us what we need?
3. Why do you think persistence in prayer is so important?
4. From Matthew 22:34-40, what did you learn about the relationship between love and the Law? How does Romans 13:1-8 expand your understanding of this relationship?
5. What was the question asked of Jesus in Luke 13:22-30? What do you think is the essence of His answer? What will happen to those who fail to enter?

6. How narrow is the way into heaven? What is the only way to enter?
  
7. In Matthew 7:15 the verb beware is in the present tense. What kind of action does the present tense denote?
  
8. How can we identify a false prophet? What tense of the verb bear is used in Matthew 7:17? Why is this important?
  
9. What is the connection between doing the will of God and the fruit you bear? What is the lifestyle of the false prophets?
  
10. Do false prophets display humility in their lives? Discuss the reasons for your answer based on the texts in 2 Timothy, 2 Peter, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Acts.
  
11. If someone asked if you are certain of entering heaven when you die, how would you answer? What reasons would you give?
  
12. What is the most significant lesson you've learned during the last nine weeks?
  
13. Close by praying for one another.

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