

SITTING AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Setting Priorities Matthew 6:19–7:29

*“For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds;
and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”* Matthew 7:8

Day 1: Read Matthew 6:19-24.

1 What are the three comparisons made in these verses?

6:19-21

6:22-23

6:24

2. What is heavenly treasure and how do we “store it up”? (Mt. 19:21; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)

What earthly treasures entice you?

3. We are told “No one can serve two masters” (v. 24). How does your choice of a master ultimately affect other choices you make?

Think of one way you will choose to follow your Master today.

Day 2: Read Matthew 6:25-34.

4. We are here told to turn away from worry and turn to faith. What examples does Jesus give of God’s care over his creation?

5. What are God’s reasons for caring for us? (vv. 26b, 32)

6. What do the pagans run after? What is the believer to seek?

7. What antidotes does Jesus give for worry in verse 33?

8. In verse 34 Jesus says, “‘Therefore do not worry about tomorrow’ ”.... What does the “therefore” look back to in the passage?

How can knowing these truths serve to alleviate your worries?

What worry can you surrender today?

Day 3: Read Matthew 7:1-12.

9. Why should you not judge others? (vv. 1, 2; Rom. 2:1-4)

Who is the true judge? (Ps. 9:7, 8; Heb. 4:12; Jas. 4:12)

10. Having a plank sticking out of your eye is an incredibly absurd picture — yet this is how God views you when you act as a hypocrite. When is it appropriate to help remove the speck from another believer's eye? (v.5; Col. 1:28)

How can you first remove the plank from your own eye? (1 Jn. 1:8, 9)

11. What can we learn about the type of relationship God desires to have with his people from verses 7-11? (Jer. 29:13, Jas. 1:5-7)

What kind of father do these verses depict?

Day 4: Read Matthew 7:13-23.

12. Matthew 7:1-5 admonishes us not to judge, but verses 13-23 encourage us to be discerning. What do these verses tell us to be discerning about?
13. A tree is recognized by its fruit. It would seem by what follows in verses 21-23 that the fruit may not always be so easy to identify. How can we be sure that the fruit we bear will be good? (Jn. 15:1-17)

Day 5: Read Matthew 7:24-28.

14. Robert Mounce notes that "the purpose of this parable is to warn those who have listened to the sermon (chapters 5-7) that wisdom calls for action." What are we as believers called to do? (v. 24)
15. On a fine day, two houses may appear the same. What does it take to show the difference?

Why does one fall down?

16. Matthew 5-7 is filled with the authoritative teaching of Jesus. What particular section do you find most convicting?