

Matthew 5:17-48

Study #6

Step 1: Read the Whole Section *Note any questions or anything that you didn't understand.*

Step 2: Answer the Study Questions

1. Based on the design patterns we've talked about, mark any design patterns you notice.
2. Jesus addresses questions about His teaching on the Law and the Prophets (The Old Testament) Why do you suppose Jesus wants to address this subject in depth? (5:19-20)

3. Look up these words in a dictionary and provide the definition:

Abolish:

Fulfill:

4. Can you think of why Jesus would be accused of abolishing the Old Testament?

5. How would you say that Jesus "fulfills" the Law and the Prophets?

6. Based on these verses, which is more important to Jesus: is there a difference between the words of Scripture and the teaching of Scripture? Why yes/no?

7. What does it mean to "relax" the commandments? (see 5:21-22, 5:27-28, 5:43-44)

8. Can you think of how Jesus' own righteousness exceeded that of the scribes and Pharisees?

9. Fill in this section with the contrast between what was common teaching and Jesus teaching:

What they taught	OT cross reference	What Jesus taught
5:21		5:22-26
5:27		5:28-30
5:31		5:32
5:33		5:34-37
5:38		5:39-42
5:43		5:44-47

10. When Jesus says "You have heard that it was said..." he is referring to the sort of Rabbinical debate over the law that was common in those days. Much of what was taught is straight out of Scripture. When Jesus says "but I say..." Would you say then that there is a difference between quoting Scripture and teaching Scripture? Explain.

11. What do these verses teach us about Jesus' approach to the Law in his own obedience?
12. What do these verses teach us about following Jesus in His kingdom?
13. Why do you suppose that Jesus begins with anger and ends with love in the order of this commandment section?
14. Jump ahead to the love section (5:43-48). The final verse (5:48) reads in NKJV, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Jot down your initial thoughts about what Jesus means by this. Then go back and read carefully the context again. What is the context of v.43-48 about overall?
15. Complete this paraphrase of v.48 – "Since your Father in heaven shows perfect, impartial love, even toward his enemies, you therefore must show perfect, impartial _____, even toward your enemies... Be _____ for your Father in heaven is _____."
16. What does this tell you about how we should understand the rest of the commandments in this chapter?

Step 3: Summarize assigned "FOCUS" section of text: _____

<p>Reflect</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose a main verse in this section that stands out to you as important or inspiring 2. What does this text teach us about ourselves? 3. What does this text teach us about Jesus / the Kingdom? 4. What can I pray for based on this section? (Write out prayer) 5. What can I give thanks to God for based on what I've read? 	
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