

# Jesus' Wisdom for Our Lives

## I. Invitations & Advice

### A. Worn Out . . . Welcome

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### B. One a Day

Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and **take up his cross daily and follow me**. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

### C. Life or Destruction

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. <sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

### D. Permission Granted

Matthew 7:7-12 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

He who has the gold, rules.

Haggai 2:7-8 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. <sup>8</sup> 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty.

## II. God's Responses

### A. Helping Others

Matthew 6:2-4 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> "**So when you** give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then **your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you**.

## B. Prayer School

Matthew 6:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> "**And when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

## C. Free & Clear

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> For **if you forgive men** when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, **your Father will not forgive your sins.**

## D. Expressions of Humility

Matthew 6:16-18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> "**When you fast**, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and **your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.**

## E. Treasure Map

Matthew 6:19-24 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus into the earth. Your care and provision for my life is elaborate. Awaken my ears to listen and my heart to receive. I choose to cooperate with you, to yield to your direction and daily submit my will to yours. Give me strength to complete the course you have created me for. I rejoice in my Lord and Redeemer, Amen.