

Sunday Follow Up – 1/29/17  
Matthew 5:1-12

As you read through these verses could I challenge you to notice your heart, mindset and attitudes? Yesterday I spoke of having a pure heart. How amazing it is to think that our Savior made a way for us to experience purity. How wonderful to know that you and I can be forgiven wholly. Take a moment to read I John 1:9. “If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” Have you dealt with your sin God’s way? I have run into a lot of believers who believe this in theory but reject forgiveness in practice. Are you one of those people? How would you live, how would you respond to others if you really accepted the truth of God’s word? Take a moment right now and do a mental inventory, anything you haven’t returned into God’s hands? My prayer for you is that in this very moment is that you would deal with whatever issue is coming to mind, acknowledge it, confess it and allow God’s mercy and grace and forgiveness to remove the “stain.”

Second I would again challenge you to be a peacemaker. Are you at peace with God? Have you entered a relationship with Him that more mental ascent? All true peace starts with Him. Are you sharing God’s peace with others? Do you realize one of our purposes is to help others get peace with God? Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 and realize who God has empowered us to be. How do you live life daily? Scripture says as far as it depends on you live at peace with others. Are you? Are you generous and kind when you deal with others? Do you look for points of agreement? Can you contend with issues without being contentious? Can you disagree without acting disagreeable? Can you confront without being abusive? As Christ followers we are called to bring peace, it should be one of our hallmarks. This isn’t being passive it’s strength and control working together.

And lastly, let’s be honest, sometimes we are harassed because of righteousness, but because we are being jerks. So make it a goal this week not to be one!

Realize again God longs to bless and favor you, allow Him as you live and walk according to His ways and means.

Keep Growing,  
Pastor Nathan

P.S. - For those who are reading “Worry Less, Pray More” expect to see God work, don’t stop to soon our Savior is more than able and willing!!