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Mathew 7:21-23

²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Sermon the Mount: Concluding thoughts



Two ways (7:13-14)

Two Teachings (7:15-20)

Two Followers (7:21-23)

Two Foundations (7:24:27)

Would you like to be a believer that
prophesies, casts out devils and does
many wonderful works?

What was wrong with those
saying “Lord, Lord”?

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“Lord” is a good way to acknowledge Christ as the Lord of our life.
However,

- It has to come from our **heart**
- It cannot be just **head knowledge** ... Lordship must reflect a life that is committed to living under the authority of Christ

Lord is not impressed with our words (Mathew 15:8, Ezekiel 33:31)

Lord looks at our hearts ... what is the condition of our heart?

Matthew 15: 8 These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with *their* lips, But their **heart is far** from Me.

Ezekiel 33:31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before
you *as* My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do
them; for with their mouth they show much love, *but* their **hearts**
pursue their *own* gain.

II Timothy 3:5/7 “having a form of godliness but denying its power
...ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”

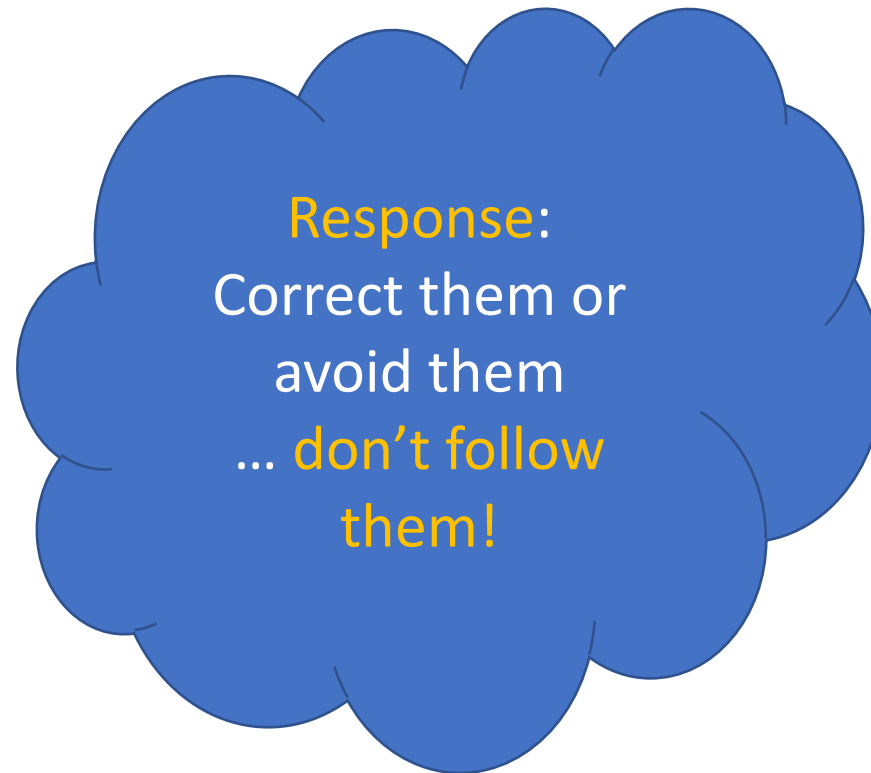
How to identify those who
profess Christ but do not
possess Christ?

Identifying those who Profess Christ, but do not Possess Christ;

- Attention seekers
- Seek personal glory, fame, following, and status
- Prefer to lead (loudly) rather than serve (silently)
- Seek congregation applause rather than pleasing God
- Ambitious and focus on big & visible ministries
- ... and many of the qualities of 'false teachers' (discussed last week)



Identifying those who Profess Christ, but do not Possess Christ



Paul's testimony ... refreshingly different

⁵ For neither at any time did we use **flattering words**, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God *is* witness. ⁶ **Nor did we seek glory from men**, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. (I Thessalonians 2:5-6)

I came to you not with excellency of speech or wisdom ... I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling; and my speech and my preaching was **not with enticing words of man's wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (I Corinthians 2:1-5)



Be imitators or followers of Christ, Godly Believers

Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

I Corinthians 11:1

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to
walk, even as he walked. **I John 2:6**

Be followers of God **Ephesians 5:1**



If our life is a performance ...
what should be our stage and
who must be the audience?

If our life is a performance ... our stage and our audience?


Stage: Wherever God has Kept us, Our calling/gifts (Run in your lane)

Audience: Christ

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men
(Colossians 3:23)

How would you characterize
or title the two groups?

Two groups ...



Are these
followers **born-**
again and **lost-**
again? Or
never born-
again?

Nominal & Mature
False & True
Carnal & Spiritual
Professing & Practicing
Hearers & Doers
Superficial & Authentic
Shallow & Mature
Fallen & Faithful
Doers (In-flesh) & Doers (In-Spirit)

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

They Confessed + did great works (prophesies, miracles, cast out devils)

But Jesus said,

“DEPART ... I NEVER KNEW YOU” (Mathew 7:21)

Be sure of your salvation & relationship with the Lord

Nothing else is of more value

Entering the Kingdom of heaven

“Knock, and it shall be opened” (**Mathew 7:7**)

“Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (**Acts 2:21**)

“⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (**Romans 10:9-10**)

Who will (not enter/enter) the Kingdom of God?

I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

The will of the Father

John 6: 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ⁴⁰ And **this is the will of him** that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have **everlasting life**: and I will raise him up at the last day.

II TIMOTHY 2:19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "**The Lord knows those who are his,**" and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Entrance is the first step ... we must continue in the narrow way

- Let us run with patience **the race** that is set before us (**Hebrews 12:1**)
- I **press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (**Philippians 3:13-14**)
- I **discipline** my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. (**I Corinthians 9:27**)
- “But **continue thou** in the things which thou hast learned ...” (**II Timothy 3:14**)

- **Paul’s shock and grief** ... “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel” **Galatians 1:6**
But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how *is it that* you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? **Galatians 4:9**

Are
You?

Running
Pressing
Disciplining
Continuing

Are You?

Stopping
Turning back

What is “the day”? ...
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Heavenly Reward & Recognition for Believers (**Judgement Seat of Christ**)

Fiery Death & Damnation for Unbelievers (**White Throne Judgement**)

The day: Judgement of Believers

JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God (**I Corinthians 4:5**)

For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (**II Corinthians 5:10**)

Quality of a believer's work tested by fire (**I Corinthians 3:10-15**)

Note: Believer's salvation is eternally secure and will not be judged

The day: Judgement of Unbelievers

GREAT WHITE THRONE Judgment

And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**.¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**.¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the **lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15)**

Destination ... *LAKE of fire*

What is the Warning?

They Confessed + did great works (prophesies, miracles, cast out devils)

But Jesus said,

“DEPART FROM ME... I NEVER KNEW YOU” (Mathew 7:21)

- Similarly, In the parable of ten virgins ...”I do not know you” (Mathew 25:12)

Two Warnings from this passage

#1 Discern what you see ... Don't be impressed by externals when looking at a church or other believers

#2 Examine your own life ... Check if you have true relationship with the Lord or do you just have a form of godliness with an active Christian life but no relationship with the Lord



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