

/Now we will begin the sixth course on the Gospel of Matthew. /We will look at Matthew, chapter 7. /The subject of chapter 7 is the right path.

/First is “Do Not Judge Others”. /Verses 1-2. /Second is “Remove the Plank from Your Own Eye”. /Verses 3-4. /Third is “Keep What is Sacred, Sacred”. /Verse 6. /Fourth is “Ask, Seek, Knock”. /Verses 7-11. /Fifth is “Give to Others”. /Verse 12.

/Sixth is “Road to Life and Road to Death”. /Verses 13-14. /Seventh is “Watch Out for False Prophets”. /Verses 15-16. /Eighth is “Qualifications to Enter Heaven”. /Verses 21-23. /Ninth is “The Two Builders”. /Verses 24-27. /Tenth is “Jesus’ Teaching”. /Verses 28-29.

/Verses 1-2. Read. /Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

/Jesus said that we must not judge, or we too will be judged. /This means that if we do not want to be judged by God, we must not judge others. /When we judge others, then God will judge us.

/Then what does it mean to judge? /To judge is to criticize, slander, and condemn others. /It means to criticize, slander and condemn. /This means judging others in God’s seat with no mercy.

/This means that we have no mercy on others as we judge others in God’s seat. /We must have mercy on others and forgive and love others. /Matthew 6:14. /In James 2:13, it says that if we do not have mercy on others then we will receive judgment without mercy.

/There is no one who stands righteous before God. /We also don’t have righteousness to show before God. /We live by the mercy of God and his forgiveness of our sins.

/We are people who have debts of ten thousand talents before God. /We must forgive others who owe us even a hundred denarii. /We must love others and hate sin. /We must hate sin and love people.

/We must forgive others of their wrongdoings seventy times seven times. /Matthew 18:21-35. /Jesus said God would measure us in the way we measure others.

/To “measure” others means to weigh something. /It means to weigh others’ characters and hearts. /How many kilograms does that person weight? /What kind of person is he? /What job does that person have?

/What is that person’s family like? /What is that person’s line of descent? /How much money does he have? /These are the types of questions asked to judge others by the measurement of their outward features. /We must not ask about others’ pasts and forget them.

/We must forgive others and love them. /Then we must stand upright before God. /Our God is a God who looks at the center. /Therefore, when we measure others, God will measure us in the same way.

/We must not measure others, and we must understand that we are insufficient before God. /We must love, encourage, and understand others. /When our brother does wrong, we must forgive him, have mercy on him, and accept him. /We must hate sin but love others.

/Verses 3-5. /**3** Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **4** How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

/We must not look at the speck of sawdust in our brother's eye but look at the plank in our own eyes. /The speck of sawdust in our brother's eye refers to the outwardly actions of our brother. /This speck refers to the wrongdoings of our brother's actions.

/On the other hand, the plank in our own eyes symbolizes the sin and perishables in our hearts. /The perishables in us are not seen but hidden. /The sins within us are as big as the plank that is in us.

/Therefore, we must look at the plank in our own eyes before looking at the speck of sawdust in our brother's eye. /We must first remove the perishables in our hearts. /The perishables in us are great.

/Our brother's faults are small. /Therefore, we must repent for our sins first. /We must look at the faults in our hearts before we look at the faults of others. /We must fix ourselves before we try to fix others.

/The Apostle Paul confessed that he was the worst of all sinners. /We must always ask for forgiveness of the sins within us. /Man is filled with every kind of sin. /Man is filled with every kind of wickedness. /Mark 7:21-23

/We must lament and mourn over the sins that are within us. /We must remove the planks in us and cry out to God. /We must remove what is in our hearts before we accuse others of their wrongdoings.

/We must fix ourselves before we try to fix others. /We must not try to fix others, but fix ourselves first. /If something is bent, we must use it as it is. /Therefore, when we fix ourselves first, then others can be fixed as well.

/Verse 6. /Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to

pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

/Things that are sacred and pearls all belong to God. /What is sacred refers to the hearts and bodies of believers. /It is the body and heart. /It belongs to God. /It is holy because it is used for God.

/The Holy Spirit resides in our hearts. /Jesus said that we should not give to dogs what is sacred. /Dogs have tendencies to bite and tear up things. /Therefore, we must not be jealous of others or quarrel with others.

/We must not bite and tear up things. /Our hearts must be clean. /1 Corinthians 3:17 /When we bite and tear each other up, we will all be ruined. /Jesus said we must not throw our pearls to pigs. /Pearls refer to the will of God.

/We cannot be used in a place God has not chosen for us. /To buy pearls means to let our bodies be used according to the will of God. /Then we must not throw our pearls to pigs.

/A characteristic of pigs is that they eat well. /It refers to materialism. /It refers to greed. /Furthermore, pigs roll around in dirty places even after they have been washed clean. /2 Peter 2:22 /Therefore, we must not be inclined to be materialistic.

/We must walk in the path of God's will and truth. /We must use our bodies for the good will of God. /Our bodies must be used for following after the truth.

/Verses 7-8. /**7** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

/Jesus said to ask and knock on the door. /Ask. /To "ask" means to seek after what is spiritual. /We must first seek his kingdom and his righteousness. /Matthew 6:33 /We must receive God's rule over us.

/We must receive guidance from God. /This means to ask for what is spiritual. /Then we must seek. /To seek means to find God's will. We must walk the path to find God's will.

/In order to find God's will we must get rid of greed. /Then what is the way to finding God's will? /First, we can find God's will through the Bible. /Second, the principles and fundamentals must be intact. /The principles and fundamentals must be intact with the Bible.

/Third, we must look to the providence of God and seek his will. /God has our paths planned out to guide us through. /Fourth, we must find God's will through prayer and through the touch of the Holy Spirit.

/Fifth, we must seek counsel of mature believers or pastors. /Then, Jesus said to “knock”. /This means that we should continuously strive to let God’s will be done.

/We must continuously seek and make efforts so that God will answer our prayers. /Then God will eventually open the door for us. /God will hear our prayers and respond. /Then we can attain the purpose of our faith.

/Verses 9-11. **/9** Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **/10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?**/11** 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!

/There is no one who will give his or her child a stone when the child asks for bread.
/There is no one who will give their child a snake when the child asks for fish. /We are evil. /Yet, we try to give the best to our children.

/Man is naturally selfish. /We are naturally greedy. /Still, a parent does what he can to give his child the best. /Our God is altogether generous and unconditional in his love.

/Thus, why wouldn’t God give to his children who seek him in prayer? /God gives us all that we need. /God did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us. /Romans 8:32

/God gives us all that we need. /Therefore, we must continue to pray with faith that God will provide us with the best. /We must get rid of all doubt when we pray.

/When God does not give to us, we must not be discouraged but rather, continue to knock on the door. /We must not pray with greedy hearts, /but must pray in search of God’s will.

/Verse 12. /So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

/Jesus said to do to others what you would have them do to you. /If we want others to do something for us, we must first do the same to them.

/We must first do what we want others to do for us. /We must act first. /If we want someone to be kind towards us, we must be kind first, /and if we want someone to love us, we must love first.

/If we want someone to get us a cup of water, we must give them a cup of water first. /We must love first. /This pleases God.

/Before we try to fix others’ shortcomings, we must fix our own flaws first. /We must love and serve first. /This is the “Law and the Prophets”. The points of the Law and the Prophets is to love and serve others.

/The doctrine. /What is important. /This is love and serving others. /Matthew 20:28. /Why did Jesus tell us to ask, but serve others first? /He meant that we should receive from God and then share it with others.

/We should not expect to receive from others. We must not depend on people, but love others.

/Instead, we should receive from God. /We must pray to God and receive from God. /Then we can share what we received from God with others.

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

/Luke 13:24 /Jesus taught us to enter through the narrow gate. /Going through the narrow gate is difficult. /We also cannot enter without making an effort. /Still, when we do, it will lead us to life.

/When we enter through the narrow gate we will receive life, /when we enter through the wide gate we will walk to destruction. /Then what is the wide gate and broad road? /First, it refers to unbelievers. /The narrow gate and narrow road refers to believers.

/Second, there are believers of Jesus Christ who walk through the narrow gate and believers who walk through the wide gate. /Again, if one does not believe in Jesus then they are walking down the broad road.

/Still, there are people who believe in Jesus but walk down the broad road. /These people are those who throw away the word of God and live selfishly. /We must believe Jesus and walk down the narrow path.

/This also means that we must walk by the word of God even through hardships and sufferings that come with following the cross. /Even though we believe Jesus, we must walk down the narrow road. /Believers of Jesus must walk according to the word of God.

/We must bear with hardships and sufferings and take up the cross and walk down the narrow road. /This is the road of life. /This is the road of life. /This is the road to salvation. /This is the road to receiving commendation and rewards from God. /Those who submit to God's word will be blessed.

/Verse 15. /Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

/Jesus said to watch out for false prophets. /When we become confused by the words of false prophets, we cannot live a life of faith. /When the world comes to an end, there will

be many false prophets and cults.

/Jesus talked about the signs of the end of the age. /He said that there would be false religious cults at the end of the age. /Matthew 24:11-24. /In the same way, there are many cults in South Korea.

/There are many cults in China and America as well. /We must be very careful of cults. /Our lives of faith will have been in vain if we are enticed by false prophets. /The false prophets will come to us in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they will be ferocious wolves.

/People will come to us as preachers. /They will come to us as professors of Theology. /They will come to us with different church names. /They will come to us as missionaries. /However, inwardly they will be wolves.

/They will speak of the Bible but will preach it incorrectly. /Their fundamental doctrines are different. /Galatians 1:6-7. /They preach a different gospel. /They do not preach the true gospel but a false gospel.

/They distort the Bible and teach is falsely. /It is wrong to add to the Bible or take away from the Bible. /Revelation 22:18-19

/Verse 16. /By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

/We cannot pick grapes from thornbushes. /We cannot pick figs from thistles. /False prophets and cults cannot bear true fruit. /True preachers can bear good fruit.

/True preachers can bear the fruit of the Spirit. /They bear the fruit of light. /They have love and hearts to serve others. /They make sacrifices. /Then what are false prophets like? /False prophets are materialistic, lustful, worldly, and humanistic.

/They are materialistic, /lustful, /worldly, /and humanistic. /They are greedy. /They entice people with greed. /They distort the Bible and teach it falsely. /They approach people mystically. /They change the Bible.

/True prophets bear good fruit. /False prophets bear bad fruit. /We can distinguish them through the fruit they bear. /However, it is difficult for believers to recognize the difference because the false prophets approach them in sheep's clothing.

/Thus, we must not converse with cult members. /We must not debate with cult members. /We must look closely at their fruit. /If their fruit is the fruit of greed, we must not associate with them.

/We must not greet cult members. /2 John 10. /Do not welcome these deceivers. /2 John 10.

/Verses 17-20. /**17** Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

/A good tree bears good fruit. /A bad tree bears bad fruit. /Good pastors and good servants bear good fruit. /Cults and religious sect leaders bear worldly fruit.

/Verses 21-23. /**21** Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' **23** Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

/We must not say, "Lord, Lord" only with our lips. /We must act according to God's will. /What is God's will? /John 6:40 /According to John 6:40, God's will is to look to the Son and believe in him, and then we shall have eternal life.

/God's will is that we believe in Jesus and gain eternal life. /Therefore, one must not call out "Lord, Lord" if one does not believe in Jesus.

/It is good to cry out, "Lord, Lord". /However, it is wrong to cry out "Lord, Lord" with our lips if we don't believe in Jesus. /We must have faith and then cry out to our Lord.

/As it says in verse 22, many prophesy in Jesus' name. /They speak with authority. /However, God will say that he never knew them. /God will now acknowledge them. /He will not reward them.

/Therefore, when we do God's work we must do it with faith. /We must be obedient to God's will and act with faith. /We must not live with selfish hearts. /One must not become a pastor and act according to his selfishness.

/There are people who use the church to become politicians. /This is wrong. /It is wrong to use the church and Jesus for one's benefit. /Instead, we must make sacrifices for God's kingdom.

/We must be obedient to God's word and do God's work. /We must be obedient to what is written in the Bible. /We must be pastors and preachers who live to glorify God as the Bible says.

/Verse 24. Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

/We must hear God's word and act on it.

/Verses 25-27. /**25** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. **26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

/There are two types of houses when building a house of faith. /Some put their foundation on a rock, /and other's put their foundation on sand. /Those who build their houses on sand will crash when rain falls and floods rise.

/However, if the house is built on rock, it will not be shaken in the midst of rainfall and flood. /We must build our houses on rocks. /The man who builds his house on rock is in verse 24. /That man is the man who listens to God's word and acts on it.

/That man is the man who listens to God's word and is enlightened by it. /Matthew 13:24 /If we spiritually receive the word of God, then we will obey his word. /Matthew 13:18-22 /Here it says that "the rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew".

/This refers to hardships, persecutions, and troubles. /There are people who fall when they are faced with hardships and persecutions, and there are those who do not fall. /These are religious trials. /Those who cannot stand in faith will fall when they are faced with hardships and persecutions.

/Therefore, we must have confidence in the truth. /We must be obedient to God's word. /Then we will be able to have faith that will not be shaken when faced with hardships and persecutions. /James 2:17

/We must spiritually grasp the word of God and it must become life. /Then we will not throw away God's word. /We must value the word of God more than we value our physical bodies.

/Verses 28-29. /**28** When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, **29** because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

/There is power and authority in Jesus' teachings. /This is because Jesus is the Son of God. /This is because Jesus teaches everything in truth. /Jesus also preached with the power of the Holy Spirit.

/Today, when pastors preach the word of God, they must do it as Jesus did. /We must be confident in the truth, /and receive what the word of God says. /We must also spend a substantial amount of time in prayer. /We must preach with power of the Holy Spirit.

/More importantly, we must preach by living out the word of God. /We must be spiritually transformed as we preach. /A crab that walks sideways tells its babies to walk straight.

/Then the babies will not understand and walk sideways just like its mother. /Jesus taught with authority. /We must follow His example and testify with power and authority.

/Here we will conclude the sixth course on the Gospel of Matthew.