

CHALLENGING GOALS

1. Goals Needed

- a) Biblical
- b) Achievable
- c) Personal
- d) Practical

2. The Goals set by the Lord Jesus for His Disciples

- a) Salt of the earth Matthew 5:13
- b) Light of the world Matthew 5:14a
 - i) Light on a lampstand
 - ii) Not under a basket
- c) Light: Expressions Matthew 5:16
 - i) Good works
 - ii) Works that would glorify the Father
 - iii) Light to shine
- d) City on a hill Matthew 5:14b
 - i) Strong
 - ii) Obvious
 - iii) Beautiful
 - iv) Functional
- e) Righteousness

i) Practical righteousness Matthew 5:20

ii) Sincere righteousness

iii) Danger of hypocrisy

CORRECTION NEEDED

1. Wrong thoughts
2. Wrong teaching
3. Wrong insights
4. Wrong practices

PROBLEM WITH THE PROCESS OF CORRECTION

1. Resistance
2. Rejection
3. Relationship strained

WHERE WRONG TEACHINGS ARE NOT ADDRESSED AND CORRECTED

Matthew 5:17-48

1. Error will persist
 - a) Error will not be corrected by time
 - b) Error will not go away on its own
 - c) Wrong teaching is deadly
2. The wrong teachings taught by the scribes/ priests in the days of Jesus
 - a) National influence
 - b) A whole generation adversely affected
3. Consequences:
 - a) Hypocrisy
 - b) Spiritual dryness

- c) Spiritual deadness
- d) No genuine faith
- e) No salvation
- b) Wrong-doing
- etc.

A SHORT LIST OF WRONG TEACHINGS ADDRESSED

1. Too many to address
2. Highlighting the ones that were more dangerous:
 - a) The Laws of God Matthew 5:21-32
 - b) Oath-taking Matthew 5:33-37
 - c) Retaliation Matthew 5:38-42
 - d) Enemies Matthew 5:43-48

METHODOLOGY TO BE ADOPTED

1. Compare
 - a) Wrong teachings
 - b) Jesus' teaching (But I say to you)
2. Contrast
 - a) Wrong teachings
 - b) Jesus's teaching
3. Check
 - a) Original Text (Old Testament)
 - b) Wrong practices
 - c) Getting them right

4. Challenge to put into practice what Jesus taught

- a) Because it is right
- b) Because it is good
- c) Because it will be helpful
- d) Because it would result in blessings

DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS

1. Notation by the people who opposed the Apostles
Acts 4:13

- a) They saw the boldness of Peter and John
- b) They were uneducated
- c) They were untrained
- d) They had been with Jesus

2. Our learning of the Scriptures must see us become true Disciples of Jesus

- a) Not mere knowledge
- b) We find a living faith-hope
- c) We find transformation in our life
 - i) Mind
 - ii) Heart
 - iii) Spirit/ Soul