Forgiveness is **required**

Matthew 6:14-15 (NKJV)
"For **if you forgive** men their trespasses, **your heavenly Father will also forgive** you. But **if you do not forgive** men their trespasses, **neither will your Father** forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:17-18 (NKJV)
But you, **when you fast**, **anoint** your head and **wash** your face, so that **you do not appear to men to be fasting**, but **to your Father** who is in **the secret place**; and **your Father** who sees in secret will **reward you openly**.

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Matters of the Heart – Part 3
Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3, 2024

Read Matthew chapters 5, 6, & 7

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) For as he **thinks in his heart**, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Proverbs 21:2 (AMP) Every man's way is **right in his own eyes**,
But **the LORD weighs *and* examines the hearts** [of people and their motives].

Our **values** are always **expressed** in our **actions**.

Matthew 5:13-15 (NKJV) "You are the **salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the **light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

By calling his followers "**Salt** and **Light** of the world,"
Jesus emphasizes **our responsibility** in the world.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) Let **your light so shine before men**, that they may **see** your **good works** and **glorify** your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:17 (NKJV) "**Do not think** that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy** but to **fulfill**.

Matthew 5:22 (NKJV) But I say to you that **whoever is angry with his brother without a cause** shall be **in danger** of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be **in danger** of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be **in danger** of hell fire.

Genesis 4:6 (NKJV) So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you **angry**? And why has your **countenance fallen**?
Genesis 4:7 (NKJV) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin lies at the door**. And **its desire is for you**, but **you should rule** over it.”

The **wrong attitudes,** unchecked**,** lead to **bad actions**

Matthew 5:23-24(NKJV) Therefore **if you bring your gift** to the altar, and there **remember** that your brother has something against you, **leave your gift** there before the altar, and **go** your way. **First be reconciled** to your brother, and **then come and offer** your gift.

Reconciliation is to always **precede** worship

Matthew 5:28 (NKJV) But I say to you that **whoever looks at a woman to lust** for her has **already committed adultery** with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:29-30 (NKJV) If your **right eye causes** you to sin, **pluck it out** and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And **if your right hand causes** you to sin, **cut it off** and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

You must deal with sin **intentionally** and **harshly**

Matthew 19:8 (NKJV) He said to them, “Moses, **because of the hardness of your hearts**, permitted you to divorce your wives, but **from the beginning it was not so**.

Matthew 5:37 (NKJV) But **let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No**.’ For **whatever is more** than these is **from the evil one**.

Words depend on **character**. Empty promises cannot compensate for a **poor character**

Proverbs 10:19 (NKJV) In the **multitude of words sin is not lacking**, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Matthew 5:44 (NKJV) But I say to you, **love** your enemies, **bless** those who curse you, **do good** to those who hate you, and **pray for** those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 6:4 (NKJV) that your **charitable deed may be in secret**; and **your Father who sees** in secret will **Himself reward you openly**.

Matthew 6:6 (NKJV)
But you, **when you pray**, go into **your room**, and when you have **shut your door**, pray to your **Father who is in the secret place**; and **your Father** who **sees in secret** will **reward you openly**.

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)
In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father** in heaven