

Lesson 7: The Christian's Commitment to Christ.

(Christ desires full commitment from his disciples)



Study at a Glance: The 5 W's

KEY AREA	DETAILS AND SUMMARY
WHO (Author & Audience)	
WHAT (Core Message)	
WHEN (Timing)	
WHERE (Location)	
WHY (Rationale)	

Introduction: Believe it or not, our relationship with *the* Christ is not one sided. As believers we look to the Lord with great expectation in his ability to care for and provide for his people. However, we have a role to play in this relationship as well. Christian's are those who not only believe in the teachings of Jesus, but are also committed to following and obeying those teachings.

Key Terms Defined

TERM	ORIGINAL WORD in Greek	DEFINITION (Contextual)
Delusional	aftapáti	
Ravenous	peinasménos peinōntes harpax	
Esteem	sevasmós timí ektímisi	
Unimpeachable	anepileptos apsogos	
Repudiate	aporipto apokiryssos	

SECTION 1: Evaluate Prophets Carefully

(Read Matt 7: 13-20)

It is important for all of us to understand that we have a choice. A choice to follow the path that leads to life or the path that leads to destruction. Scripture explains that these choices are like paths that are broad and narrow, easy and hard.

Discussion Questions

1. **Text/Exegesis:** Why is the path to destruction wide and the path to life narrow?
2. What role do Prophets play in providing direction for people to choose a path?
3. **application:** How would you describe the path you are on and how well are you moving along it?

SECTION 2: Do God's will; know him intimately

(Read Matt 7: 21-23)

To know Jesus is to obey him. To obey Jesus is to know him. An intimate relationship with Jesus begins at believing in him and obeying him.

Discussion Questions

1. **Text/Exegesis:** What does it mean to do the will of the father compared to simply doing works? How can we know the difference and live out His will in our daily lives?
2. Why do those mentioned in Matt 7: 22-23 boast about their miraculous deeds, but not about their relationship with Jesus?
3. **application:** How can someone do impressive spiritual work in "Jesus name", but never knew Jesus?

SECTION 3: Make Jesus your foundation

(Read Matt 7: 24-29)

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS! If you were to build your dream home for you and your family, which item would you chose for your foundation? ROCK?, PAPER?or SCISSORS? The foundation of anything being built, is the most important part of the building process.

Discussion Questions

1. What does the rain, storms and winds represent in our lives and where does the "foundation" fit into the big picture?

Conclusion: Let us examine what we have been taught through the Sermon on the Mount. Re-read this through the lens of Jesus. Why would he say these things to us? Is there any room for compromise? What is at stake if I disobey? What is to gain if I obey?

THANK YOU JESUS!!