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# Four Keys To A Capable Ministry

Matthew 5

Matthew 4: Jesus is tempted by the devil

Jesus picks up Peter & Andrew

**1** And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

**2** And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

## **I. Having The Right Attitude**

**3** Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**4** Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

**5** Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

**6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**7** Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

**8** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

**9** Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

**10** Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

**12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

**A. Meek:** soft; gentle; not easily provoked

**B. Merciful:** Compassionate; tender; unwilling to give pain

**C. Pure:** Free from moral defilement

**D. Peacemaker vs 9:** One who makes peace by reconciling parties that are at variance.

## **II. Having The Right Actions**

**13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

**14** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

**15** Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

**16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Having a meek, merciful, pure, and peacemaker attitude will lead you in the direction of becoming salt & light to the world.

### **III. Have The Right Confidence**

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

**18** For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**19** Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**20** For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Having your confidence in the righteousness of Christ that He gave to you at the moment of salvation.

## **IV. Have The Right Heart**

**21** Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

**22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca [one who is ignorant], shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

### **A. The Devastation of having a problem with someone and not dealing with it.**

**23** Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

**24** Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

### **B. The results of not reconciling**

**25** Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

**26** Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

**As Ephesians 4:26–32 says, 26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: **27** Neither give place to the devil. **28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. **30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

### **Matthew 18:15–17**

**15** Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

**16** But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

**17** And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.