“Expository Discipleship: Using the Sermon on the Mount for Personal Discipleship”

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**Part 1 – The Need for Expository Discipleship**

**Part 2 – In Search of a Model**

* 7 Commands of Christ
* The Universal Discipleship Model (Dr. Thom Wolf)
* Book by Book Approach

**Part 3 – A Proposal: The Sermon on the Mount as a Model for Expository Discipleship**

*Benefits*

*Theme*

*Topics Covered*:

*Structure/Flow:*

5:1-10 serves as the introduction for the whole. 1-6 is a process. 7ff is the result. The Sermon on the Mount describes what a life of “hungering and thirsting for righteousness” looks like.

General flow:

Unrighteous to true righteousness (5:1-48)

How to exercise that righteousness: not as show-righteousness (6:1-18)

Parenthesis: Anticipating objections about giving/fasting (6:19-34)

How to exercise that righteousness: not as self-righteous (7:1-12)

The Two Ways (7:13-27)

Dr. Roy Metts – The Sermon on the Mount is an elaboration of the 8 beatitudes, in reverse order.

#8 Persecuted Reward in heaven (5:11-12)

 Salt of the earth (5:13)

 Light of the world (5:14-16)

#7 Peacemakers No anger, rudeness, insult (5:21-22)

 Be reconciled with brother (5:23-24)

 Settle with enemy (5:25-26)

#6 Pure in Heart No lust (5:27-30)

 No remarriage (5:31-32)

 No oaths necessary (5:33-37)

#5 Merciful No eye for eye (5:38-42)

 No hate (5:43-48)

 No parade in mercy (6:1-4)

#4 Hunger for Righteousness No parade in prayer (6:5-8)

 How to seek in prayer (6:9-15)

 No parade in fasting (6:16-18)

#3 Meek to Inherit the Earth Treasure in Heaven (6:19-21)

 The single eye (6:22-24)

 No anxiety about daily needs (6:25-34)

#2 Mourners Obtaining judgment as we judge (7:1-2)

 Recognizing our own faults (7:3-5)

 Avoid the unrepentant (7:6)

#1 Poor in Spirit Ask, seek, knock (7:7-11)

Conclusion: The either/or Two gates and ways (7:13-14)

 Two trees and fruits (7:15-23)

 Two builders and fates (7:24-29)

Charles Talbert –

1. Matthew 5:3-12

 Congratulations to those whose vertical and horizontal relations are right for they will

receive eschatological blessings.

2. Matthew 5:13-16

 Be who you are for the glory of God.

3. Matthew 5:17-20

 Since Jesus came to realize the intent of the Law, following him yields true

righteousness.

4. Matthew 5:21-48

 a) vs. 21-26

 Be a person who neither breaks relationships nor fails to restore broken ones.

 b) vs. 27-30

 Be a person who does not violate another’s marriage partner, either by act or by

thought.

 c) vs. 31-32

 Be a person who does not violate the indissoluble marriage bond.

 d) vs. 33-37

 Be a person who is not deceitful but is truthful in all relations.

 e) vs. 38-42

 Be a person who does not retaliate but who returns good for evil.

 f) vs. 43-48

 Be a person who does not exclude your enemies from the love shown to your

friends.

5. Matthew 6:1-18

 a) vs. 1-6, 16-18

 Be a person who avoids ostentatious displays of piety, because they are directed

to the wrong audience.

 b) vs. 7-15

 Be a person who avoids babbling in prayer, because it assumes an incorrect view

of God.

6. Matthew 6:19-24

 Be a person for whom wealth is not a functional deity but who trusts in God’s

providential care.

7. Matthew 6:25-34

 Be a person who does not suffer from debilitating anxiety but who trusts in God’s

providential care.

8. Matthew 7:1-5

 Be a person who does not condemn others for their flaws until having first corrected

one’s own.

9. Matthew 7:6-12

 Be a person who does not fail to discern the difference between good and bad, using the

wisdom given by God, and does not fail to act appropriately.

10. Matthew 7:13-27

 Be a person whose life is in line with God’s will and Jesus’ words, who will not be led

astray by spiritual leaders who fail to do God’s will, even if they have a proper

Christological confession and do mighty works in Jesus’ name.

**Odds and Ends**

How to Do It:

1) Didactically

2) Socratically

3) Pictorially

Recommended Resources:

*Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount*, D.A. Carson

*Reading the Sermon on the Mount*, Charles Talbert