



Red Letter Living

Matthew 5.

- Be humble.
- Be sensitive and compassionate.
- Be humbly patient in times of adversity.
- Desire God and take Him in always.
- Be merciful.
- Make peace when you know you need to.
- Know this: It's a good thing when your commitment and faith in Christ is attacked. *(Be thrilled because you've stood your ground as you should have. Know that a reward is coming to you.)*
- Don't lose your love for God. *(You are not the same if you do and you can't be used like you once were.)*
- You are the light in this world because you know Him. *(Let it be seen to the glory of God.)*
- Know this: Jesus completed the Old Testament. He brought it all together. God's Word is everlasting. Do what He is saying and teach them to others in word and deed.
- Don't be an angry person. Be quick to reconcile.
- Don't lust for what's not yours. If you do, turn away in that very moment, repent and discipline yourself to not do it again. Uncontrolled, this can lead to hell.

- Marriage is sacred and binding. Don't divorce or talk about divorce unless sexual promiscuity has been at play. Make every effort to right yourself, instead of turning to the "D" word so flippantly.
- Keep your word. Don't swear on anything and make empty promises. Just say "yes" or just say "no."
- Live humbly and generously, especially to your enemies who wrong you.

Matthew 6.

- Keep your kind acts to others as quiet as possible. Don't try to make yourself noticed by others when you do them.
- Pray honestly, simply and privately – often.
- Do you want forgiveness for your mistakes? Well then, forgive others when they offend you.
- Outside of being asked straight-up, don't let people know you're fasting. Make it so that no one can tell.
- Remember: your heart will be where your money is.
- Be very careful with what your eyes look at.
- You can't worship, desire, yearn, or long for money and God at once.
- Do not worry – about food, clothes or tomorrow. He's in control and He loves you. Just trust Him. He will provide.

Matthew 7.

- Know this: the way you judge and criticize is the way you will be judged and criticized.
- Don't be a hypocrite and try to correct someone with an issue you're not perfect in dealing with yourself.
- Be careful with holy revelations – don't turn them into clichés others can use in ridicule, especially if you're not walking in them.
- Ask God the things that are on your heart and mind directly. He has your best interest in mind and He can deliver.
- Remember: Do to others what you would want them to do to you.
- The road to God is tough and there are not many who find it or stay on it.
- Beware of false teachers. Look for good character and good fruit in their lives that has remained. If they don't have it, run.
- God wants obedience.
- These words of Jesus are foundational words – words on which a great life can be built. Lay them at the base of your being and build an awesome life with Him!



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