

Be gone... Old Self - Week One

“Jesus says, ‘You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world – like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.’” – Mt. 5:13-16

“You have heard the Law of Moses says do not murder. If you commit murder you are subject to human judgment.” – Matthew 5:21

“But I say if you are angry with someone you are subject to judgment.” – Matthew 5:22

“You have heard the Law of Moses says do not commit adultery.” – Matthew 5:27

“But I say... anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eyes has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye, even your good eye, causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away.” – Matthew 5:28-29

“You can enter God’s kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small and the road is narrow and only a few ever find it,” – Matthew 7:13-14

Am I willing to forfeit my agenda?

“God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the kingdom of God your primary concern.” – Matthew 6:33 AMP

Am I willing to obey the person and the teaching and direction of Jesus?

When you take desire and you combine it with decisions to follow Jesus it's going to result in devotion... not to religion, not to Christianity. Be devoted to Jesus.

Why?

- **It's devotion to Jesus that shatters status quo.**
- **It's devotion to Jesus that causes people to be real change agents in this world.**
- **It's devotion to Jesus that enhances that salt and increases that light.**
- **It's devotion to Jesus that gives your life meaning.**
- **It's devotion to Jesus that makes you feel peace and joy and contentment during a crazy economy and lousy job market.**
- **It's devotion to Jesus that becomes the foundation of your life.**

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the flood waters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it has been built on rock.” – Matthew 7:24-25

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
