

# INSIDEOUT

LIVING LIFE ON A DEEPER LEVEL

Part 1 – Establish Your Truth Core  
Matthew 5:17-20

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## INTRODUCTION

Relativism is the idea that there is no such thing as absolute **moral** truth. It teaches: “Truth is what you think it is.” “Truth is what a group decides it will be.”

In my opinion, the philosophy of relativism was inserted in popular culture in the 1960’s to devalue and replace the **Bible** as THE moral authority in America.

After 60 years of reprogramming the culture to replace the Bible with relativism, it has actually developed the most sexually **immoral** culture since the Roman Empire. It has brought with it all the disease, damaged children, broken families and wounded lives that such a philosophy yields...and yet the programming of the newest generation continues.

- I. GOD’S GOAL IS FOR OUR MORAL OPINIONS AND DECISIONS TO START WITH A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
  - A. *Matthew 5:20 “For I tell you that unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*
  - B. God isn’t wanting us to be **religious**. God is wanting us to experience life with Him as our leader.

- C. If all we do is focus on the commands we'll miss the heart of the **commander**.
- D. Focusing just on the command usually leads to **loopholes** but focusing on the heart of the One we are wanting to please leads to clarity.
- E. *Matthew 5:17-19 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

## II. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S ANSWER FOR **TRUTH** IN LIVING LIFE.

- A. *John 17:14-17 "I have given them Your Word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the Truth; Your Word is **Truth**."*
- B. *John 14:6 "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the **Truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

Jesus' **resurrection** proved that everything He had said about our Heavenly Father and Him and us and living life successfully is absolutely True.

- C. The Bible is "infallible" which means that you can trust it to never lead you astray. It will never guide you down the **wrong** path.

## III. JESUS CHALLENGED US TO TAKE SERIOUSLY GOD'S WORD BECAUSE HE KNEW THE BENEFITS IT WILL IT BRING TO OUR LIFE.

- A. Obeying God's Word will give us **stability**.
- B. Obeying God's Word will show us the right **decisions** to make.

1. *Psalm 27:11 “Show me the **path** where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me...”*
2. *Psalm 119:105 “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a **light** for my path.”*

C. Obeying God’s Word will **grow** us up.

1. *Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (NIV)*
2. *Hebrews 4:12 “God means what He says. What He says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey.” (MSG)*

D. Be careful how you **advise** others.

*Matthew 5:19 “Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”*

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