

Sermon on the Mount
Christian Commitment
Matthew 7:21-27

In the realm of pop-psychology, our society has elevated sincerity above everything else. Since everybody's "truth" is valid, many people think that what we are committed to no longer seems as important as how sincerely or passionately we commit to it. We need sincerity, but that sincerity needs to at least be directed toward beliefs that are grounded in some type of physical or spiritual reality.

1. Our commitment to Jesus is more than religious words.
2. Our commitment to Jesus is more than religious works.
3. Our commitment to Jesus is more than religious worldview.

We have a choice. We can build a life for the world that is here today, or we can build a life for the world that is coming tomorrow. We can build a life for the world we can see, or we can build a life for the world we cannot see. If we build our life on money, success, fame, or happiness, it will fall. If we build our life on applying the teachings of Jesus it will stand, forever.

Reflection

Consider the following statements, decide whether you agree or disagree, and determine if a change in your actions, attitudes, and disposition is needed. Entering the kingdom requires more than orthodoxy meaning it isn't how familiar we are with Jesus' teaching but what we do with that teaching that is important. Entering the kingdom requires more than evidence of supernatural power implying that there are other forces that could enable that kind of power. Entering the kingdom requires a commitment to obey Jesus' teaching, implying that if there is no desire to obey Jesus, then there is no entrance into the kingdom. How comfortable are you in thinking through these things for your life? What can you do this week to demonstrate your commitment to worship and serve Christ?