

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Seven: Matthew 5:17–48

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1. In verses 17–20 Jesus defends the importance of the Law or the Prophets. List as many details as you can that Jesus teaches about the Law or the Prophets.

2. a) What warning does Jesus give in verse 20?

b) What do you **think** this meant to the believers of Jesus' time?

c) What do you **think** this means for believers today? **1–48. He is very strong about the deeper meaning of the commands.**

3. a) What does Jesus say will bring judgment just like the judgment of murder?

b) According to Jesus' deepening of the command in verse 22, have you committed murder? State how.

4. a) What does Jesus tell believers to do in verses 23–24?

b) Share a time you did this and what was the outcome?

5. Verses 25–26 speak of deep conflict with others.
 - a) What do you **think** verse 25 means? Read I Corinthians 6:1–8.

 - b) What does this tell you about lawsuits among believers?

 - c) According to I Corinthians 6:7–8 what should our attitude be?

6.
 - a) How does Jesus go deeper than the sin of adultery in verses 27–30?

 - b) What is His solution to this sin?

 - c) Do you think Jesus means this literally? Why or why not?

7. What is Jesus' teaching on divorce?

8.
 - a) What is Jesus' teaching on oaths?

 - b) Tell if people believe your "yes" is yes and your "no" is no, and why this is so.

9. What is Jesus' deepening of "an eye for an eye" philosophy in verses 38–41?

10. a) What does Jesus challenge us to do with our enemies in verses 43–48?

b) What enemy of yours needs to be dealt with differently by you?

Going Deeper:

11. a) What deepened command really spoke to you in this lesson and why?

b) What do you plan to do about this speaking of God's Word?

