

Can you navigate  
the difficulties of life?

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❖ **We need a great teacher**

❖ **We need a great Savior!**

❖ ***Jesus is that one and only person who will accomplish both needs!***

# The Sermon on the Mount, or, *Navigating Life*

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- ❖ **Learning the Christian 'walk'**
- ❖ **Growing in our faith**
- ❖ **Getting closer to Jesus**

## SOTM Lesson 12: True or False?

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- 1. Watch out for . .**
- 2. Got fruit?**
- 3. Who gets in?**

## Matthew 7.15-23

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**<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?”**

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**17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.**

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**<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day,**

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**‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’**

# 1. Watch out for . .

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Outwardly . . *inwardly*

**This is to my Father's glory, that you bear *much fruit*, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**

- John 15.8



## 2. Got fruit?

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**<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

- Galatians 5.22-24

### 3. Who gets in?

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“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven

but only the one who does the *will of my Father*  
who is in heaven.

**What is God’s will?**

## God's Will . . .

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**<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.<sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,**

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**19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,<sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- Ephesians 4.15-20

## John McArthur – false disciples

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- 1. false disciples are attracted by the crowd.**
- 2. false followers are fascinated by the supernatural**
- 3. they think only of earthly benefits**
- 4. the false disciple has no desire for worship**

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**Where you have a church of 75 people in a little building, people who pray together and love the Lord and worship, and sing hymns and somebody gets up and teaches the Word of God, they're not going to draw that crowd.**

# The Good:

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**They're not going to draw that crowd because the only thing that would draw them would be the love of the Lord, the love of the Word, and the love of God's people**

- <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/43-33/true-and-false-disciples-part-1>

# John McArthur's closing prayer

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**Father, we thank You again, as always we do, for the bread of Your Word. We don't live by bread alone, physical bread, but by every word that proceeds out of Your mouth and is inscripturated in the Bible. We live by this, we feed on it, we thank You for it.**



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**Every time we come together and open Your Word, it's as if You've prepared a feast for us, to feed our hungry souls. Thank You for what is revealed here about Your glory, Your person, Your power and the very important implications of all of that that we understand that what You're looking for is true worshipers...**

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**true worshipers who bow down,  
who prostrate themselves, that's what the word  
means,  
who go low before You in worship, submission,  
sacrifice and obedience as Lord and God.  
That's a true disciple.**

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**We would know that true disciples are worshipers of Jesus Christ. False disciples are only interested in themselves. We pray that You'll reveal the true condition of every heart that no one would be deceived. . . . Amen**

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What are *we known for?*

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What are *you known for?*