

Treasure Hunt

- What later gospel episode reflects the everyday nature of vv. 9-10?
- What do the “much more” statements of 6:30 and 7:11 teach us about our attitude to the little things of daily life?
- What spiritual dangers are emphasized in the first two sections of 5:20-7:12 (the contrast sections)?
- Historically, when have these dangers been strongest?
- What spiritual dangers are emphasized in the last two sections (6:19-7:12a)?
- Historically, when have these dangers been strongest?

Bread and Fish in 7:9-10

	Matt 7:9-10	John 6:9
Child	9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son	9 There is a lad here,
Bread	ask bread , will he give him a stone?	which hath five barley loaves ,
Fish	Or if he ask a fish , will he give him a serpent?	and two small fishes :

7:11 “much more”

6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven,	7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children,
<i>shall he</i> not much more <i>clothe</i> you, O ye of little faith?	how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

The Structure of the Sermon

**Consequences
Deut 27-28**



Setting

4:25-5:2

7:28-
8:1

Blessings &
Warnings

5:3-12

7:13-27

Our Mission

5:13-16

Law & Prophets

5:17-19

7:12b

**Conduct
Deut 5**



Toward Man

5:20-48

It was said ... but I say

7:1-12a

Toward God

6:1-18

Be not as the hypocrites

6:19-34

Reviewing the Chiasm in 5:20-7:12

Mat 22:35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second *is* like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

40 On these two commandments hang all **the law and the prophets.**

5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy **the law, or the prophets:** I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

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Love your neighbor	A: 5:20-48	a: 7:1-12a
Love the Lord	B: 6:1-18	b: 6:19-34

7:12b for this is **the law and the prophets.**

...What characterizes the columns?

The Columns in 5:20-7:12

	Avoid superficiality in a friendly environment	?
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God and Mammon in the Exile

A positive example: Daniel (again!)

Dan 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. *And* the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

Dan 5:17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

Dan 5:22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; 23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath *is*, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

A negative example: Esther and Mordecai

Est 2:10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it*.

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Summarizing 5:20-7:12

	Avoid superficiality in a friendly environment	Avoid compromise in a hostile environment
Love your neighbor	A: 5:20-48 Don't let the opinions of others distort your understanding of God's Word.	a: 7:1-12a Know the risks of exposing the sins of others; keep yourself clean.
Love the Lord	B: 6:1-18 Be sure your worship is addressed to God, not to onlookers.	b: 6:19-34 Don't let the world's tinsel distract your loyalty away from the Lord.

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We must love God and love our neighbor in spite of the resistance that we will meet, whether our associates outwardly oppose the truth, or claim to support it.