

"The Pitfalls of Godly Living"

Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (January 19, 2014)

Introduction: There are many ways in which Jesus led the people to see His true nature. One of the ways that He did that is through His preaching and teaching. Consider the time devoted throughout the Gospels to the sermons of Jesus. Christians should be truly grateful for the scholarship that preserved the teachings of Jesus. One of the greatest sermons Jesus ever preached is called the Sermon on the Mount. Let's study it together...

Discussion:

Pitfall #1 = Improper Attitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

Pitfall #2 = Faulty Behavior (Matthew 5:13-16)

Pitfall #3 = Neglecting Study & Application (Matthew 5:17-48)

Pitfall #4 = Working For Praise (Matthew 6:1-4)

Pitfall #5 = Theatrical Prayer Life (Matthew 6:5-14)

Pitfall #6 = Fasting For Attention (Matthew 6:15-18)

Pitfall #7 = Trying to Serve Two Masters (Matthew 6:19-24)

Pitfall #8 = Worrying Instead of Seeking (Matthew 6:25-34)

Pitfall #9 = Unfair Judging (Matthew 7:1-6)

Pitfall #10 = Doing It Alone (Matthew 7:7-14)

Pitfall #11 = Being Deceived by False Prophets (Matthew 7:15-23)

Pitfall #12 = Building a Weak Foundation (Matthew 7:24-27)

Conclusion: Each of us should be challenged as we read the Sermon on the Mount! It was the will of Christ Jesus that we avoid these pitfalls. He battled His entire ministry with those who struggled with these issues. They were suffering from spiritual decay from within. The church will follow the same path if we don't return to the simple teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Are there pitfalls that you need to avoid? Follow Jesus!