

## An Overview of Jesus Kingdom Building According to Matthew

**MT. 4:23** “Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news [= gospel] of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”

**MT 9:35-38** “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news [=gospel] of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples,

*“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 8 Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into this harvest field.”*

**10:1-8** “Jesus called the twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. .. 7 As you go proclaim the message

*“The kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy; drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

**MT 28:16-20** “...19 Therefore, in going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all I have commended you...”

From MT 5:19 and 7:24-27, when Jesus gives his first instructions, he makes crystal clear that his disciples are to put them into practice. But we are not only to practice Jesus’ first instructions; we are also to teach others to practice them as well.

### A descriptive outline of Jesus’ first instructions

The things we are to practice and teach others to practice.

**MT 5:1-12** The **Traits**, values or internal characteristics that receive the Kingdom blessings.

**MT 5:13-16** The **Function** of disciples in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**MT 5:17-20** The **Purpose** of disciples in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**MT 5:21-26** The **Context** for Practicing = the Hebrew court system and what to do:

**5:21-22** when you are angry

**5:23-24** when someone has something against you.

**5:24-26** when you have strained or broken relationships.

**MT 5:27-32** How to process your desires/lusts

**MT 5:29-30** Correct the causes of stumbling = broken relationships, even if is painful to do.

**MT 5:31-32** Don't paper over the cause of the breakdown.

**MT 5:33-37** Your word must be absolutely trustworthy.

**MT 5:38-42** How to respond to destructive, evil people:

- When they slap you.
- When they sue you.
- When they force you to go one mile.
- When they ask you to give or to borrow from you.

**MT 5:43-48** What to do about those who oppose you, resist you, threaten you, pressure you and attack you.

**MT 6:1-18** Be careful about your motivations for doing what God requires: when giving to the needy; when praying; when fasting.

**MT 6:19-21** Where to store up your treasures.

**MT 6:22-23** Make sure your eyes/perspective is healthy

**Mt 6:24-34** How to arrest worry.

**Mt 7:1-5** How to make sure you are judging correctly.

**MT 7:6** To whom not to give sacred things and Kingdom pearls.

**Mt 7:7-12** What to do to receive from your Father in heaven, to find and have closed doors opened in order to enter.

**MT 7:13-14** Which gates to enter and which road to travel along.

**MT 7:15-20** Be aware of and learn to detect false prophets.

**MT 7:21-23** The key indicator that a person or leader has entered the Kingdom of Heaven.

**MT 7:24-27** Jesus' rock, solid foundational practice in the Kingdom of heaven.

**Observation:** These are Jesus' first instructions to disciples. Matthew gives further instructions of Jesus in chapter after chapter until the conclusion of his account. For instance, in MT 18 Jesus instructs you in how to deal with sin in a brother or sister. Therefore, the instructions in MT 5-7 are what he says to do to correct the sin in you. Approximately 3 years later, He instructs in how to correct sin in others. Therefore, correcting yourself must be practiced first. Then you will see more clearly to correct the sin in someone else.