

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

Matthew 11:16-30

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. 21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had

been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."

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ALSO READ

Luke 16:19-31

Matt 19:14

Rom 1:18-25

Rom 12:2

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Summary

The bible says that our hearts are hard and unyielding and we simply refuse to believe that we need to utterly and completely surrender every corner of our lives to Him. Even if we saw Jesus and His miracles with our own eyes, it is not a guarantee of faith. Those who think they are wise will reject the truth.

True wisdom is not in deciding if what Jesus says is right or wrong, true wisdom is proved by its deeds – doing what God asks of us. Those who come to Jesus with childlike faith and obedience will inherit the kingdom.

Our faith comes before our logic and intellect. Romans says our fallen minds need to be renewed.

Only Jesus fully knows the Father and can point us to Him. He is the only one able to reconcile us to God. Taking Jesus yoke and burden is another joyous paradox – it is light and easy. Like all other things of the Kingdom, this is a truth and joy we will never truly know until we have committed to it.

Let us discard our worthless "wisdom" and foolish values and accept the joyful truths Jesus offers freely.

Key points

Those who have reasons not to obey God have made up their minds – no signs or miracles will move them.

Questions

- >>Have you ever seen miracles done?
- >Are you, or is anyone you know, waiting for a miracle or sign from God so that they will believe?
- >>Why did the people who saw Jesus' miracles still not believe His message?
- >>Why does the bible say is true wisdom?
- >>Why is Jesus' yoke easy and His burden light?
- >>How can we decide what is false wisdom in our lives? How can we exchange it for the truth?

Final thoughts

True wisdom is obedience to Christ – not in imagining we have a better way!