

## Introduction

1. The last and closing chapter of the sermon on the mount.
2. Jesus teaches, warns, admonishes His people.
3. The marvelous "Golden Rule" is found in this chapter (v 12).
4. Note the "twos" of this chapter:
  - a. Two gates and two ways
  - b. Two trees, two men and two houses
5. Jesus tells us about a wise man and a foolish man.



### Select Verses

7:1 - "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

7:7 - "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

7:12 - "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

7:13-14 - "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: <sup>(14)</sup> Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

7:15 - "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

7:21 - "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

7:24-27 - "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock...."

7:29 - "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

## Select Thoughts / Themes



1. Is judging acceptable or sinful? Is it possible that it could be either and be acceptable?
2. Reflect on the two ways which our Master spoke about in verses 13-14. Describe each.
3. How would you define the "*Golden Rule*"?
4. Can we **know** God will answer our prayers? Explain verse 7 of this chapter. In what ways does God answer prayer?
5. In verses 21-23 does Jesus teach that one can be religious and still be lost? What makes the difference between being saved and being lost?



### To Consider Further...

1. How important is asking God for the right things and being persistent in our petitions?
2. What determines whether we are taking the narrow or broad way (vs 13-14)?
3. What is the "*will of the Father*" (v 21)? Spend careful consideration on this phrase and what is required.
4. Explain and define the "*ask*," "*seek*" and "*knock*" as we pray to Almighty God.
5. Why were the people astonished at Jesus' teaching?