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You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

You are the light of the world —like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:13-16

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Salt = sensed

Salt = sensed Light = seen

So that everyone will praise your Father in heaven.

You have heard the Law of Moses says do not murder. If you commit murder you are subject to judgment.

But I say if you are angry with someone you are subject to judgment.

You've heard that the Law of Moses says do not commit adultery.

But I say anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eyes has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

So if your eye, even your good eye, causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away.

It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'

But I say anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Am I really drawn to something different?

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Desire

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

Decision

Am I really willing to forfeit my agenda?

...and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

Matthew 6:33

Desire + Decision

Devotion

Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

Though the rain comes in torrents and the flood waters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock.

But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.



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