



# KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

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- Matthew 7
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## SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

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*I don't decide what is true; I just report it. And quite frankly, it does not matter if you like it or not. Truth does not bias itself; and it has no allegiance to anything, other than itself. And maybe the worst part about the truth is that it hurts sometimes. You've heard that phrase, haven't you? Here's why it hurts. The truth exposes pretense, everything that isn't right, real and authentic; and unfortunately for many of us, gentle Jesus is a specialist in truth.*

*"Truly, truly I say to you..." Y'shua said that twenty five times in John's Gospel. And that leading phrase with a single "truly" appears fifty additional times in the other three Gospels. "Truly" is the word translated as Amen, from both the Greek and the Hebrew, and when it inaugurates an idea, it claims something about the nature of the truth that follows. It asserts that the claimant has intimate, personal, and firsthand knowledge about, and authority over the subject matter. When repeated, as in "truly, truly," it is an almost audacious claim from Y'shua that the truth that follows is His own original idea. Y'shua is saying that He is not merely aware of these truths, He is the originator and author of them. That itself was revolutionary! Why?*

*What is so rattling about Y'shua staking claim to those original ideas? Sure, claiming that an idea is original is both radical and presumptuous. But, it becomes even more tortuous when we overlay Y'shua's assertion that He also said nothing, other than what His Father told Him to say. Think about the implications of His claim; "This truth originates from Me, and I only echo My Father's words." So, how could all those ideas have originated from Him, unless... unless He was also boldly proclaiming that He and His Father are ONE? This too is a radical paradigm-shifting revelation, truth worthy of, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM; and He who has seen Me has seen the Father."*

*It's time to grab the shovel! Dust off the archeologist's pick. Sharpen the scalpel; we are about to do some exploratory truth surgery! We are going to unpack the truths that literally separate God's people from everyone else. Are you willing to square off with reality; to become completely vulnerable to truth? If you dare submit yourself to this experimental procedure, first sign off on the release of liability—because someone is going to get hurt. Yes, too often the truth hurts.*

*Let's get started, but to participate you must be willing to measure your temperature by each of these six degrees of separation. Truly, truly... (1) submit yourself to an intense sober self-examination; (2) expose your deepest inner desires; (3) pick the gate that leads to either the wide or narrow road; (4) let others taste the fruit that grows on your tree; (5) look into the mirror and face your real identity; (6) and choose the foundation on which to build your life. Oh, and if you think you*

*can fake any of it, know this: “Truly, truly, no one can hide from the Originator of truth; all things are naked and exposed to Him, and you will be held accountable to everything He sees, which is, well, everything—truly, truly.*

#### PROPHETIC SEED:

“And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for **He taught them as one having authority**, and not as the scribes.” Matthew 7:28-29 NKJV

“And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 NKJV

“And **you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy**, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.” Leviticus 20:26 NKJV

#### PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“**Search me, O God**, and know my heart; **Try me**, and know my anxieties; And **see if there is any wicked way in me**, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV

“**But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and **drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.**” I Corinthians 11:28-29 NKJV

“For **the word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And **there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.**” Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

#### INTRODUCTION

##### 1. Truth... “Truth is reality!”

###### A. Six Degrees of Separation... Separate = Set Apart = Holy!

- (1) And **you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy**, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.” Leviticus 20:26 NKJV
- (2) “but as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, “**Be holy, for I am holy.**”” I Peter 1:15-16 NKJV (Lev. 11:44-45)

###### B. Samples revolutionary truths “originated” through Y’shua...

- (1) Truly
  - (a) “Truly, I say to you...”
    1. “**...unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3 NKJV
    2. “**...all sins will be forgiven** the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; but **he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness**, but is subject to eternal condemnation”——” Mark 3:28-29 NKJV

3. "...**whoever says to this mountain**, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, **whatever things you ask when you pray, believe** that you receive them, and you will have them." Mark 11:23-24 NKJV

(2) Truly, Truly

(a) "Truly, truly I say to you..."

1. "...**unless one is born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3 NKJV
2. "...**the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as **the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.**" John 5:19-21 NKJV
3. "...**he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. ...the hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God**; and those who hear will live." John 5:24-25 NKJV
4. "...Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, **but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.** For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:32-35 NKJV
5. "...**unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.** Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed." John 6:53-55 NKJV
6. "...**whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.** And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore **if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**" John 8:34-36 NKJV
7. "...if anyone keeps My word **he shall never see death.**" John 8:51 NKJV
8. "...**before Abraham was, I AM.**" John 8:58 NKJV
9. "...he who does not enter the sheepfold **by the door**, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ...**I am the door** of the sheep." John 10:1, 7 NKJV
10. "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. **He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. **If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**" John 12:24-26 NKJV
11. [after He had washed their feet] "...a servant is not greater than his master; **nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.** If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:16 NKJV
12. "...**he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father. And **whatever you ask in My name, that I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."** John 14:12-14 NKJV
13. "...**whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24 NKJV

## A SOBER SELF-EXAMINATION

### 2. Have you performed a true self-examination?

#### A. Submit yourself to an intense sober self-examination!

##### (1) Preparing as a judge

###### (a) The measure you use...

1. **“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.** And why do you look at the **speck in your brother’s eye**, but do not consider the **plank in your own eye**? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? **Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye**, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. **“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.” Matthew 7:1-6 NKJV

##### (2) Handle your own issues first; then you can get involved as an arbiter.

###### (a) Be in complete control of your own mind!

1. “[bring] **every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, [then be] ready to punish all disobedience [after] **your obedience is fulfilled.**” II Corinthians 10:5-6

###### (b) Quintessential Hypocrisy

1. “Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, **whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.** But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those **practicing such things, and doing the same**, that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart **you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God**, who **“will render to each one according to his deeds”**: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—**indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish**, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God.” Romans 2:1-11 NKJV

#### B. One more warning:

##### (1) Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine...

###### (a) Y’shua explained it elsewhere like this...

1. **“he who receives** whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me **receives Him who sent Me.**” John 13:20
2. [However] **“whoever will not receive you nor hear your words**, when you depart from that house or city, **shake off the dust from your feet.**” Matthew 10:14 NKJV

### C. Self-Examination

#### (1) Examine Yourself!

##### (a) Show me your faith...

1. "But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves. For **if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer**, he is like a man **observing his natural face in a mirror**; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately **forgets** what kind of man he was. But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer** of the work, this one will be blessed **in what he does.**" James 1:22-25 NKJV

#### (2) Nothing is hidden from God

##### (a) You have searched me... Search me, O God!

1. "O Lord, **You have searched me and known me. You know** my sitting down and my rising up; **You understand** my thought afar off. **You comprehend** my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a **word on my tongue**, But behold, O Lord, **You know it altogether**. You have **hedged me behind and before**, And **laid Your hand upon me**. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. **Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. **For You formed my inward parts**; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, **And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You**, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. **Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed**. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. **How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!** How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. **Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me**, And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:1-24 NKJV

##### (b) For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

1. "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. **For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged**. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world." I Corinthians 11:27-32 NKJV

(c) All things are naked and exposed...

1. **"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."** Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

## DEEP INNER DESIRES

### 3. What are your true desires?

#### A. Expose your deepest inner desires...

##### (1) Desires

###### (a) Ask—Seek—Knock

1. **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.** Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! **Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.**" Matthew 7:7-12 NKJV

###### (b) Whoever desires...

1. "Then He said to them all, **"If anyone desires** to come after Me, let him **deny himself, and take up his cross** daily, and **follow Me.** For **whoever desires** to **save his life** will lose it, but whoever **loses his life** for My sake will save it." Luke 9:23-24 NKJV

##### (2) The Heart

###### (a) A man's heart reveals a man's deep inner desires

1. "As in water face reflects face, **So a man's heart reveals the man.**" Proverbs 27:19 NKJV
2. "...For **out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**" Luke 6:45 NKJV
3. For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**" Matthew 6:21 NKJV

#### B. Ask—Seek—Knock Stipulations

##### (1) Proper Asking

###### (a) With supplication and thanks...

1. "Be **anxious for nothing**, but in everything by prayer and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God;" Philippians 4:6 NKJV

###### (b) Be Fervent and righteous...

1. **"Confess your trespasses** to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The **effective, fervent prayer** of a **righteous** man avails much." James 5:16 NKJV

###### (c) Have faith and perseverance...

1. "And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; **your faith has made you well.** Go in peace."" Luke 8:48 NKJV

2. "When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, **"Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"** She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; **go and sin no more.**" Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**" John 8:10-12 NKJV

(d) Be unafraid and confident...

1. "While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, **"Your daughter is dead.** Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, **"Do not be afraid; only believe,** and she will be made well.'" Luke 8:49-50 NKJV

(e) Ask in His Name...

1. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And **whatever you ask in My name,** that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**" John 14:12-14 NKJV

(f) Ask in His will...

1. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that **if we ask anything according to His will,** He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, **whatever we ask, we know that we have** the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:14-15 NKJV

(g) Ask without doubts...

1. "But **let him ask in faith, with no doubting,** for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." James 1:6 NKJV

(h) Ask with right motives...

1. "You ask and do not receive, **because you ask amiss,** that you may spend it on your pleasures." James 4:3 NKJV

(i) Ask with others in mind...

1. "'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself:** I am the Lord.'" Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
2. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.**" Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV
3. "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor **giving preference to one another;**" Romans 12:10 NKJV
4. "Let no one seek his own, **but each one the other's well-being.**" I Corinthians 10:24 NKJV

## THE WIDE AND NARROW GATE

### 4. What is your true gate?

#### A. Pick the gate that leads to either the wide or narrow road!

(1) Gates and Roads

(a) Choose the difficult path!

1. **“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”** Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV

(2) Do not go the way of the many who do evil!

(a) Do not incline yourself to the majority!

1. **“You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.”** Exodus 23:2 NKJV

(b) Do not incline yourself to anything evil!

1. **“Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies.”** Psalms 141:4 NKJV

(c) Daniel stayed on the narrow path...

1. **“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”** Daniel 1:8 NKJV

**B. Choosing the Narrow Road**

(1) What does it look like when you pass through the narrow gate?

(a) First understand that God’s grace does two things...

1. **“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,”** Titus 2:11-12 NKJV
2. **“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”** Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV
3. **“Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:”** II Peter 1:1 NKJV
4. **“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”** Ephesians 2:10 NKJV
5. **“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power [grace] has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”** II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

(2) Grace for a secure eternity PLUS a better now!

(a) Exercise vs. Exercise....

1. **“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”** I Timothy 4:8 NKJV

(b) Grace vs. Grace



1. "Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NKJV

## TASTE THE FRUIT

### 5. What is your true fruit?

#### A. Let others taste the fruit that grows on your tree!

- (1) How can you truly know someone?
  - (a) Examine the fruits of their life!
    1. **“Beware of false prophets**, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **You will know them by their fruits**. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, **every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit**. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore **by their fruits you will know them**.” Matthew 7:15-20 NKJV
  - (b) What does rotten fruit look like?
    - (a) Presumptuous words that don’t come to pass...
      1. “But the **prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name**, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, **‘How shall we know** the word which the Lord has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, **if the thing does not happen or come to pass**, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; **the prophet has spoken it presumptuously**; you shall not be afraid of him.” Deuteronomy 18:20-22 NKJV
    - (b) Visions of their own heart...
      1. “Thus says the Lord of hosts: **“Do not listen to the words of the prophets** who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; **They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the Lord. They continually say** to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, **“You shall have peace” ’; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart**, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ”” Jeremiah 23:16-17 NKJV (Read all of Jeremiah 23)
    - (c) Exclusive prophecies...
      1. “knowing this first, that **no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation**, for prophecy never came by the will of man, **but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit**.” II Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

#### B. Identifying Edible Fruit

- (1) What does good (sweet) fruit look like?
  - (a) Love!
    1. “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have **love** for one another.” John 13:35 NKJV
  - (b) Repentance!
    1. “Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance**...” Luke 3:8 NKJV

(c) The Fruit of the Spirit

1. "But **the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.** Against such **there is no law.** And those who are Christ's **have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**" Galatians 5:22-25 NKJV

YOUR REAL IDENTITY

6. What is your true identity?

A. Look in the mirror and face your real identity!

(1) Lawlessness: It's more serious than you realize!

(a) Does He know you?

1. *"**Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father** in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not **prophesied** in Your name, **cast out demons** in Your name, and **done many wonders** in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'"* Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

(2) Y'shua says He has never had any authentic intimacy with practitioners of lawlessness!

(a) What is lawlessness?

1. "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. **And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him." I John 3:4-6 NKJV

(b) What is a doer of the law?

1. "For **as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law**, and **as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law** (for **not the hearers of the law** are just in the sight of God, **but the doers of the law will be justified;**" Romans 2:12-13 NKJV
2. "For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **not of works**, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9),
3. "For the **grace of God that brings salvation** has appeared to all men, **teaching us [empowers us] that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,**" Titus 2:11-12 NKJV
4. "Therefore **by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified** in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20 NKJV

B. New Identity

(1) Identity Politics

(a) You are a new creation!

1. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

(b) You have access to the Divine Nature

1. "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." II Peter 1:4 NKJV

(c) The Divine Nature is love!

1. "He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**." I John 4:8 NKJV

(d) If you had that love in you, how would you identify yourself? As someone who can and will obey God's commands!

1. "If you love Me, **keep My commandments**." John 14:15 NKJV
2. "He who has **My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me**. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." John 14:21 NKJV
3. "Jesus answered and said to him, **"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words;** and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me." John 14:23-24 NKJV
4. "Now **by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments**. He who says, **"I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar**, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:3-4 NKJV

(e) What is your conduct?

1. "Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness**," II Peter 3:11 NKJV

### C. Two Voices Two Spirits

(1) Which spirit do you identify with most often? To which are you listening? To which are you obeying? (Excerpt from [Best Supporting Actor](#))

(a) The **Two Spirits** are contrary to one another!

1. "I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**. For **the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But **if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law**." Galatians 5:16-18 NKJV

(b) No better explanation of the **Two Spirits**:

1. "For **what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him**? Even so **no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God**. Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God**, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which **the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are **foolishness** to him; nor can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned**." I Corinthians 2:11-14 NKJV

(c) Now, the most detailed explanation of **Two Spirits** ever written!

1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit**. For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death**. For what **the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh**, God

did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that **the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** For those who **live according to the flesh** set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who **live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.** For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life** and peace. Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**; for it is **not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** So then, **those who are in the flesh cannot please God.** But **you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.** And if Christ is in you, the **body is dead because of sin**, but **the Spirit is life because of righteousness.** But **if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will **also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit** who dwells in you.” Romans 8:1-11 NKJV

(d) Here is the ever-present battle of the **Two Spirits**:

1. **“I find then a law**, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For **I delight in the law of God according to the inward man [the Spirit of God in me]**. But I see another law in my members, warring against **the law of my mind [the spirit of man in the]**, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.” Romans 7:21-23 NKJV

## THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE

### 7. What is your true foundation?

#### A. Choose the foundation on which to build your life

(1) Hear and Do vs. Hear and Don't

(a) Rock or Sand?

1. **““Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the **rock**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who **hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the **sand**: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” And so it was, **when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching**, for He taught them **as one having authority**, and not as the scribes.” Matthew 7:24-29 NKJV
2. **““Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments** which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all **these blessings shall come upon you** and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:” Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NKJV (Then all the blessings from verses 3-14)
3. **““But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments** and His statutes which I command you today, that all **these curses will come upon you** and overtake you:” Deuteronomy 28:15 NKJV (Then all the curses from verses 16-68)
4. **“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only**, deceiving yourselves. For **if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer**, he is like a man **observing his natural face in a mirror**; for he observes himself,

goes away, and immediately **forgets** what kind of man he was. But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer** of the work, this one will be blessed **in what he does.**" James 1:22-25 NKJV

(2) The Rock!

- (a) "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to **a wise man who built his house on the rock:**" Matthew 7:24 NKJV
- (b) "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, **all passed through the sea**, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [Exodus 14], **all ate the same spiritual food** [Exodus 16], **and all drank the same spiritual drink** [Exodus 17]. For they drank of that **spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.**" I Corinthians 10:1-4 NKJV

(3) The Sand!

- (a) "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like **a foolish man who built his house on the sand:**" Matthew 7:26 NKJV
- (b) "But with most of them God was not well pleased, for **their bodies were scattered in the wilderness** [Numbers 14:22-35]. Now **these things became our examples**, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And **do not become idolaters** as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." **Nor let us commit sexual immorality**, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; **nor let us tempt Christ**, as some of them also tempted, **and were destroyed by serpents** [Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14]; **nor complain**, as some of them also **complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer** [Numbers 14:36-37]. Now **all these things happened to them as examples**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape** [Matthew 4], that you may be able to bear it." I Corinthians 10:5-13 NKJV
- (c) "The carcasses of you who have complained against Me **shall fall in this wilderness**, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above." Numbers 14:29 NKJV
- (d) "So the Lord **sent fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people; and **many of the people of Israel died.**" Numbers 21:6 NKJV
- (e) "And as **Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness**, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up," John 3:14 NKJV
- (f) "Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation **complain against him** by bringing a bad report of the land, **those very men** who brought the evil report about the land, **died by the plague before the Lord.**" Numbers 14:36-37 NKJV

**B. Authority!**

- (1) The people were astonished at Y'shua's teaching, He has true authority, not like the scribes. WHY such authority?
  - (a) The Son does nothing of Himself!

1. "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, **I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." John 5:19 NKJV
  2. "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that **I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.**" John 8:28 NKJV
- (b) The Son does not speak on His own authority but on His Father's authority!
1. "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but **the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.**" John 12:49 NKJV
  2. "Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me** does the works. **Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me**, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves." John 14:10-11 NKJV
- (c) So, it should be no surprise He knew "letters." (the scrolls of the Torah and Prophets).
1. "And the Jews marveled, saying, "**How does this Man know letters**, having never studied?" Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, **whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"**" John 7:15-19 NKJV
- (d) And ultimately you are His letter; You are His doctrine!
1. "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly **you are an epistle of Christ**, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart." II Corinthians 3:2-3 NKJV
    - a) Hear and do!
      - 1) "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to **a wise man who built his house on the rock:**"
    - b) Hear and don't!
      - 1) "I **never knew you**; depart from Me, **you who practice lawlessness!**" Matthew 7:23
      - 2) "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like **a foolish man who built his house on the sand:**" Matthew 7:26