

THE JESUS SCANDALS

Part 4: *The Intrusive Teaching*

Introduction – Arrogance Or Authority

Matthew 7:28-29

Matthew 5:17

2 Timothy 3:16

The six antitheses: Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 31-32, 33-34, 38-39, 43-44.

The Radical Nature Of The Jesus Ethic

1. The road to destruction is _____.

- The road to peace is _____.

Matthew 5:9, 38-47

2. The road to bondage is _____.

Luke 19:8-9

Matthew 6:19-34

Deuteronomy 8:18; Psalm 24:1; Haggai 2:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Mark 10:17-27

- The road to freedom is _____.

Acts 20:35

Luke 14:12-14

3. The road to hell is empty _____.

Matthew 5:20

- The road to God is _____.

Matthew 5:21-24; 6:1-18; 7:21-23

The Cole's Notes Version... Matthew 7:12

Conclusion – A Higher Demand & A Higher Power

Matthew 11:28-30

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, share one thing that most challenged, perturbed, perplexed, or encouraged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read Malachi 3:7-12. a) How does this passage support the thought that God owns everything and we are simply managers of *his* stuff? b) Under the New Covenant, how do you think the principles of **verses 10-12** should be expected to be enacted (both us toward God and God toward us)?

3. Read Luke 12:15-21. a) In what ways do **verses 17-19** reflect conventional financial planning wisdom of today? b) In what practical ways can a person today prioritize being "rich toward God"? c) What do you think is the meaning of Luke 16:9?

4. Read John the Baptist's responses to the questions of what to do next posed by spiritual seekers in **Luke 3:10-14**. a) What do his three answers have in common? b) What does this tell us about the relationship of spiritual commitment and financial commitment? c) How should we live out these three counsels in our world today?

SO WHAT?...

5. What is the next step you need to take to get your financial life aligned with God's principles? Pray for each other.

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