

7th Grade New Testament Gospels  
**Study Guide for Test #4**  
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**Terms to Know:**

**Beatitudes** (7.4.2) - A paradoxical list of who will be truly blessed in the Kingdom of God

**Blessing** (7.4.2) - Spiritual and material benefits given by God to be enjoyed.

**Missio Dei** (7.4.3) - Refers to the Mission of God. "God's mission is to redeem a broken creation (as a result of sin and disobedience) through the life, death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus, through the gift of the Spirit to God's people, in order to bring creation into its perfect order."

**Missional** (7.4.3) - Refers to joining God in his mission in the world. We are to be sent out into the world, carrying God's message into every sphere of life.

**Hermeneutics** (7.4.4) - a method or theory of interpretation.

**Lust** (7.4.6) - a sexual desire that dishonors its object and disregards God.

**Lex Talionis** (7.4.8) - The Law of Retribution

**Shalom** (7.4.9) - peace; completeness, wholeness, prosperity, reconciliation, well being, and harmony.

**Hypocrites** (7.4.10) - (1) A person who professes certain ideals, but fails to live up to them. (2) A person who engages in the same behaviors he condemns others for.

**Spiritual Disciplines** (7.4.10) - Activities and habits that we practice to orient our lives and align us with God's on-going activity and purpose.

**Fasting** (7.4.10) - to refrain from food or water, or both, for a limited period of time in response to some sacred, grievous moment (death, the threat of war, sin, our neediness, or our fear of God's judgment).

**Abba** (7.4.11) - Jesus uses this term for father that implies closeness and intimacy

**Hallow** (7.4.11) - To keep something holy (unique, distinct, sacred, set apart)

**Amen** (7.4.11) - A Hebrew word that we do not translate, meaning "truly, surely, so be it" or "I totally agree."

**Mammon** (7.4.12) - the "god" of money, possessions, greed; placing our trust in something other than the true God of the Bible.

**In the Sermon on the Mount, we identified 6 "Antitheses" that Jesus used in his teaching. Complete and know the following:**

(7.4.5) You have heard it was said you shall not murder, but I tell you . . .  
*do not be angry with your brother.*

(7.4.6) You have heard it was said you shall not commit adultery, but I tell you . . .  
*do not look at someone lustfully.*

- (7.4.6) You have heard it was said you give a certificate of divorce, but I tell you . . .  
*divorce is NEVER God's plan.*
- (7.4.7) You have heard it was said you shall not break your oath, but I tell you . . .  
*do not take an oath at all.*
- (7.4.8) You have heard it was said an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but I tell you . . .  
*do not react violently against the one who is evil.*
- (7.4.9) You have heard it was said love your neighbor and hate your enemy, but I tell you . . .  
*love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...*

### Questions to Ponder:

What does it mean that purity is a direction, not a destination? (7.4.6)

*Purity is not about seeing how close you can get to the line without crossing over it. We are either moving towards God and pure heart/ life or away from God and pure heart/ life.*

What is the relationship between the cycle of sin and Jesus' 6 antitheses? (Class Discussions)

*Jesus is teaching his followers to move from worrying about the "fruit" to the "seed." When Jesus says, "You have heard it was said . . . but I tell you . . ." he is essentially saying, "If you don't want the fruit of murder, don't plant the seed of anger. If you don't want the seed of adultery, don't plant the seed of lust. . . ."*

What does it mean to read the Bible in a Christ-centered manner? (7.4.4)

*Jesus becomes the lens through which we read everything else in scripture. (Remember the illustration of the red glasses - everything is "colored" by the lens we use. Everything in scripture is colored by the person of Jesus.)*

What is the relationship between reconciliation and worship? (7.4.5)

*Our ability to worship is directly related to the quality of our relationships with others. If we know that someone has something against us, we are to leave our gift at the altar and go and be reconciled with that person first. Reconciliation is more important than giving our offering.*

Explain the following statement: "Lust turns a person into an object." (7.4.6)

*Instead of valuing a person because they have been created in the image of God, we only value a person for what they can do for me*

Name the three examples Jesus gives of non-violent resistance. (7.4.8)

*Turn the other cheek  
Give your cloak as well as your tunic  
Go the second mile*

What the centerpiece of Jesus' entire sermon? (7.4.9)

*Love - everything else is an extension of this command*

What two places did we suggest you look to identify your true priorities? Why are these important? (7.4.12)

*Your bank account - we spend money on the things we value and are important to us*

*Your calendar - we spend out time on the things that value and are important to us*

To pray “give us our daily bread” is to simultaneously pray what other two prayers? (7.4.11)

*“Thank you” - thanking God for providing for our needs*

*“I’m sorry” - confessing that we are part of the reason that there are those in our world who don’t have enough to eat.*

What does it mean to be a “fruit inspector” according to the sermon on the mount? (7.4.14)

*We are to evaluate people by the fruit we see in their lives. Good trees produce good fruit; bad trees produce bad fruit; good trees do not produce bad fruit; bad trees do not produce good fruit. The character of the fruit reveals the character of the tree.*