

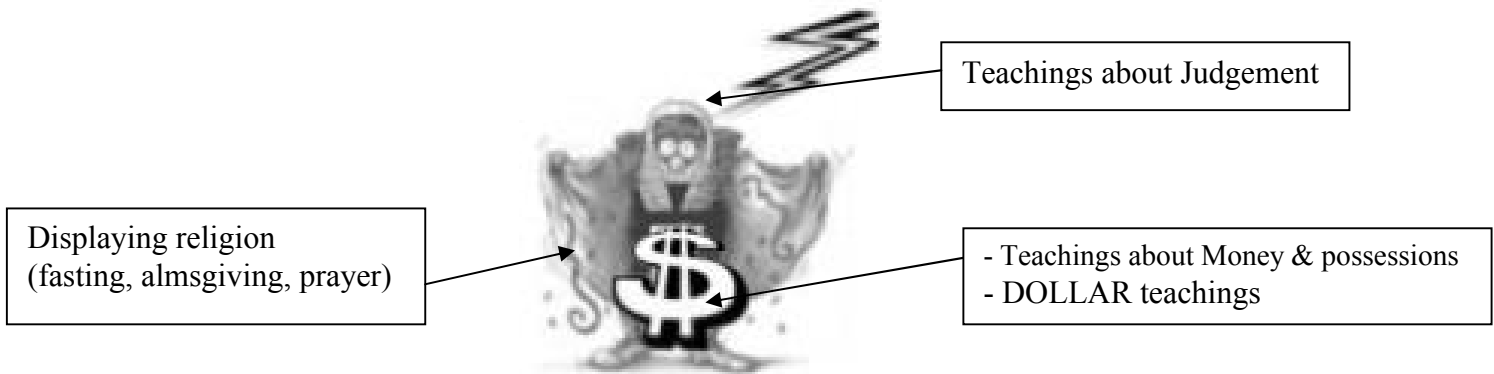
The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus' teachings include :

- Teachings about Money and possession
- Teachings about Judging others
- Teachings about Displaying religion (showing off)

In addition, there are the **DOLLAR** teachings (Divorce, Oaths, Lust, Love of Enemies, Anger, Revenge)

Here's a picture to help you remember ALL the teachings!
(the dollar sign has two meanings):



1. Teaching about Money and Possessions

¹⁹Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. ²⁰Instead, store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. ²¹Your heart will be where your treasure is.

²⁴You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will run after the one, and ignore the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear.... ³²Only people who don't know God worry about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. ³³But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. ³⁴Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today.

1. What kind of "treasures" is Jesus talking about? (vs 20)

2. Summarise and explain what Jesus' teaching is:
In verses 19-21?

In verses 24?

In verses 25-34?

3. How do Christians who follow Jesus' teaching behave ? Give examples.

2. Judging Others



¹Don't condemn others, and God won't condemn you. ²God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.

³You can see the speck in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the log in your own eye. ⁴How can you say, "My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye," when you don't see the log in your own eye? ⁵You're nothing but show-offs! First, take the log out of your own eye. Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye.

1. What is Jesus' teaching about judging others? Summarise it in your own words.

2. Why does Jesus say you shouldn't judge others (2 reasons)?

3. How do Christians who follow Jesus' teaching behave? Give examples.

3. Displaying Religion (3 parts to this)

- Almsgiving
- Prayer
- Fasting

a. Almsgiving (Giving to Charity)



¹When you do good deeds, don't try to show off. If you do, you won't get a reward from your Father in heaven.

²When you give to the poor, don't blow a loud horn. That's what show-offs do in the meeting places and on the street corners, because they are always looking for praise. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

³When you give to the poor, don't let anyone know about it. ^{1a} Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret, and he will reward you.

b. Prayer

⁵When you pray, don't be like the Jewish Priests, who love to stand up and pray in the meeting places and on the street corners. They do this just to look good. I can assure you that they already have their reward.

⁶When you pray, go into a room alone and close the door. Pray to your Father in private. He knows what is done in private, and he will reward you.



⁷When you pray, don't talk on and on as people do who don't know God. They think God likes to hear long prayers. ⁸Don't be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask.

⁹You should pray like this: Our Father who are in heaven... and protect us from evil. ^{1a}

¹⁴If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you.

¹⁵But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.



c. Fasting

¹⁶When you go without eating, ^{1a} don't try to look gloomy as those show-offs do when they go without eating. I can assure you that they already have their reward. ¹⁷Instead, comb your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸Then others won't know that you are going without eating. But your Father sees what is done in private, and he will reward you.

1. What is "almsgiving"?

2. What is "fasting"?

3. What is Jesus' teaching :

a. about almsgiving?

b. about praying?

c. about fasting?

4. How do Christians who follow Jesus' teaching behave ? Give examples.

For almsgiving:

For Prayer:

For Fasting:
