






Wisdom and Truth in the Gospels



Explore the Gospels focusing on Matthew 7:6 to learn discerning ways to share God's truth with wisdom and love.



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Introduction

The Gospels unlock the incredible story of Jesus Christ — His teachings, miracles, compassion, and the profound truths that transform lives. While the message of the Gospel is powerful, **knowing when and how to share this truth** requires wisdom, as Jesus reminds us in *Matthew 7:6*: "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces." This metaphor challenges us to discern the right timing, audience, and manner of sharing the precious truths we hold.

Throughout these three days, we will dive deeper into the Gospels to better understand Jesus' approach to truth-sharing and how we can apply His example wisely in our lives. We will explore His interactions with different people, His teaching methods, and how He balanced boldness with gentleness. By engaging with Scripture and reflection, you'll gain practical insight on how to handle sensitive truths with care and wisdom, to honor God and reach others effectively.

Whether you find yourself hesitating to share your faith or wanting to sharpen your approach, this study will encourage you to seek God's discernment and rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance. Remember, the Gospel is a pearl of great price — precious and valuable, but entrusted to us with the responsibility to steward it wisely. Let's embark on this journey to become more thoughtful and loving bearers of truth.





Day 1: The Pearl of Wisdom in Sharing Truth



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Your Verse

Matthew 7:6 - "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;"*
- *James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."*



Devotional: Cherishing the Pearl: Seeking Wisdom Before Sharing

Matthew 7:6 challenges us with a difficult but necessary truth: not every situation or person is ready to receive the gospel message, no matter how precious it is. Jesus uses strong imagery—dogs and pigs—to illustrate the potential harm in sharing sacred truths indiscriminately. This calls us to seek divine wisdom, so our efforts honor God and benefit others rather than alienate or endanger ourselves.

Wisdom in sharing is not about withholding the gospel, but discerning *how*, *when*, and *with whom* we share it. Proverbs 3:5–6 offers guidance to depend on God's understanding rather than our own, which is limited. Seeking God's counsel aligns us with His timing and methods.

James 1:5 reminds us that wisdom is a gift freely given by God when we ask. Before stepping into conversations about faith, it's essential to pray and prepare our hearts for sensitivity and clarity. God desires that His truth be shared in a manner that draws people closer, not pushes them away.

Reflecting on this, ask yourself: How can I better prepare to share the Gospel wisely? Am I sensitive to the readiness of others? Today's focus is about cultivating a heart that treasures the pearl of truth and handles it with care.



Day 1:  The Pearl of Wisdom in Sharing Truth

Reflect and Apply

1. What does Matthew 7:6 teach about the value of discernment in sharing faith?

2. How can I recognize when someone is open to hearing the gospel?

3. In what ways am I currently leaning on my own understanding rather than God's wisdom?



Day 1:  The Pearl of Wisdom in Sharing Truth

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when sharing your faith required wisdom. What did you learn?

2. List practical steps you can take to seek God's guidance before sharing truth.

3. Record any fears or hesitations you have about sharing the gospel and offer them to God.



Day 1: 📖 The Pearl of Wisdom in Sharing Truth

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the precious truth of the Gospel. Help me to treasure it as a priceless pearl and to seek Your wisdom before sharing it. Teach me patience and discernment to know when and how to speak Your truth with grace. Protect my heart from frustration if others reject what I share, and remind me to rely wholly on You for guidance and courage. May my words always reflect Your love and truth, drawing others closer to You. In Jesus' name, I pray. *Amen.* 🙏💎📖





Day 2: Jesus' Example in Sharing Truth



Your Verse

John 4:7-26 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 11:28 – "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened..."*
- *1 Corinthians 9:22 – "I have become all things to all people..."*



Devotional: Following Jesus' Compassionate Approach

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman (John 4:7-26) is a beautiful example of how He shared truth with discernment and compassion. He engaged her in conversation, met her where she was, and gently guided her to deeper spiritual understanding without condemnation or force. His approach highlights the balance between honesty and grace.

Matthew 11:28 shows Jesus' invitation is extended to those ready with open hearts, those burdened and seeking rest. He meets people's needs first, building trust and opening the door for truth.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 9:22 echo this adaptable mindset. Paul became 'all things to all people' to win some to Christ — not compromising truth, but presenting it in culturally sensitive ways.

From these examples, we learn the importance of listening and connecting before delivering the message. Recognizing the unique story and needs of each person helps us share the Gospel effectively—always with humility and love.



Reflect and Apply

1. How did Jesus tailor His conversation with the Samaritan woman to meet her where she was?

2. What role does empathy play in sharing the gospel?

3. In what ways can I become 'all things to all people' without compromising truth?



Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a relationship where you could apply Jesus' compassionate sharing style.

2. Write about how you can improve listening before speaking in conversations about faith.

3. List attitudes or behaviors that might hinder gentle and wise truth-sharing.



Day 2: 🗣️ Jesus' Example in Sharing Truth

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the example of Jesus in sharing Your truth. Help me to listen deeply and respond with kindness and understanding. Teach me to meet others where they are, respecting their journey and pacing my words with wisdom. May my heart be full of empathy, and my speech guided by Your Spirit. Bless my efforts to share the gospel in ways that resonate and build bridges. Through Christ, Amen. 🙌❤️🗣️





Day 3: Protecting the Pearl with Prayer and Patience



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Your Verse

2 Timothy 2:24-26 - A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be kind to everyone

Supporting Scriptures

- *Galatians 6:9 - "Let us not become weary in doing good..."*
- *Ephesians 6:19 - "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me..."*



Devotional: Patience and Prayer: Guarding the Pearl

Sharing the Gospel is not always easy and often requires endurance and patience. In 2 Timothy 2:24–26, Paul instructs Timothy to be gentle and patient, not argumentative, so that God may grant repentance leading to salvation. Protecting the pearl means guarding it from damage, including preserving our relationships and peace.

Galatians 6:9 encourages us not to grow weary in doing good, reminding us of the long-haul nature of spiritual influence. Sometimes, the fruits of our faithful witness take time to show. We must stay steadfast, trusting God's timing over our own.

Ephesians 6:19 underscores the power of prayer—asking God to provide the right words and boldness when sharing truth. Our confidence and effectiveness derive from reliance on Him, not our strength alone.

As we cultivate patience and intercede in prayer, we protect the pearl of God's truth within ourselves and those we seek to reach. This spiritual vigilance helps us persevere, loving well even when the world rejects our message.



Reflect and Apply

1. Why is gentleness important when sharing truth as emphasized in 2 Timothy?

2. How do patience and perseverance impact your faith-sharing efforts?

3. In what ways can prayer prepare and protect you in Gospel conversations?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time patience in sharing faith led to a positive outcome.

2. List specific prayers you can pray before and after sharing the gospel.

3. Reflect on areas where you may feel weary and ask God for renewed strength.



Day 3: 🛡️ Protecting the Pearl with Prayer and Patience

Prayer for Today

God, grant me patience and gentleness as I share Your truth. Help me to guard the precious gospel with prayerful dependence and to persevere without discouragement. Fill me with Your words and wisdom, that my testimony honors You. Renew my strength when I grow weary and keep my heart focused on Your purpose. May Your Spirit move powerfully through me to bring others to salvation. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen. 🙏🕊️🛡️🔔





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