#### Text: Matthew 7

## **1. True Christians Ask for Material Blessings But We Must Ask/Desire the Most Important** Christian 'Fruits' First (vv 7-10)

## Matt. 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

## <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

## <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?

## <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

# 2. Our FATHER Loves Blessing His True <u>Disciples</u> But He's Not the 'Bank President' in the Sky! (v 11)

<sup>11</sup> If you then, who are 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!

## 3. The Golden Rule

## **Comes Naturally to True**

## Christians (v 12)

12 "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

## 4. 'The Straight & Narrow Gate' is Still the Only Way to

## Heaven

## (vv 13-14; John 10:7-9)

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

## <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

John 10:7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

## <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

<sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

