

The Best Sermon Ever!

Living like a King: #1
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What makes a great sermon?

1. A good speaker...

...instruction is appreciated if it is well presented.

Proverbs 16:21 (NLT)

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had **authority**, and not as their teachers of the law.

Matthew 5:28-29 (NIV)

- The Sermon on the Mount is the sermon of a KING!

2. A good message...

The words I told you are spirit, and they give life.

John 6:63b (NCV)

3. A good response...

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

I make the Sermon on the Mount the best sermon ever...

1. When I open my heart to God's message.

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to **me**."

John 18:37 (GWT)

Are you listening to **me**? Really listening? **Matthew 11:15 (MSG)**

Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of **mine** and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

Challenge: Read The Sermon on The Mount every day this week.

2. When I ask God to help me understand His message.

Do any of you need wisdom? Ask God for it. He is generous and enjoys giving to everyone. So he will give you wisdom.

James 1:5 (ERV)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

... give me understanding, so that I may know your teachings.

Psalms 119:125 (GNT)

Challenge: Pray through the Sermon on the Mount.

3. When I apply God's message.

So they come as though they are sincere and sit before you listening. But they have no intention of doing what I tell them to; they talk very sweetly about loving the Lord, but with their hearts they are loving their money. ³² You are very entertaining to them, like someone who sings lovely songs with a beautiful voice or plays well on an instrument. They hear what you say but don't pay any attention to it!

Ezekiel 33:31-32 (LB)

- How long should a sermon be? According to Jesus- a lifetime!

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

Challenge: Attend a group to help you apply the Sermon on the Mount.