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Introduction: Matthew 23:1-5, "Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 'The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach... Everything they do is done for people to see...'"

Truth: Jesus followers don't _____ have His _____ of the _____.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3, "Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?"

2 Timothy 4:10a, "for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me..."

Application: If we are going to experience the life and fulfillment that Jesus promised, we must intentionally and rigorously _____ His _____.

John 10:10b, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Romans 12:2, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is— his good, pleasing and perfect will."

First Step: We must know the _____ of _____ view.

- His view has an _____.

Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- His view has an _____.

John 17:17, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

John 14:6, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

- His view has a _____ to _____.

Luke 11:28, "He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'"

John 14:15, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

- His view has an _____ of _____.

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Matthew 4:1, 10, "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil... Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

John 8:44, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

- His view places its _____ value on _____.

John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Second Step: We must recognize the _____ of our _____ view.

1 Corinthians 2:14, "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."

Galatians 5:19-21, "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Third Step: We must _____ to allow God to _____ our _____.

- Through _____ in His _____.

Psalms 51:10, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

- Through _____ with His _____.

Psalms 119:9, "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word."

Psalms 1:1-2, "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night."

- Through _____ to His _____.

Galatians 5:16, 22-23, "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."