

- In Matthew 5 Jesus starts His ministry and He speaks to the people about the Kingdom of God
- Jesus opens a new way of living and a new way of operating
- It challenges us with so many principles:
- We need to live a life of humility because to the one that is humble belongs the Kingdom of God
- We need to be merciful because the merciful will receive mercy
- We need to be peacemakers because they will be called the sons of God
- We are the light of the world and the salt of the earth and you should not hide yourself
- If your right eye causes you to sin it is better to plug it out than for your whole body to be destroyed
- Jesus also said that we should not only love those that love us but we need to love even our enemies
- There is a different life that we need to live
- Jesus taught them how to care for the poor not like the hypocrites who did it so that everyone could see them but He taught them to do it in secret and then the Father who sees in secret will reward them
- Jesus taught them how to pray
- Jesus taught on the importance of forgiveness – if you are not willing to forgive others, He cannot forgive you
- He taught them not to lay up treasures here on the earth where it can rot or be stolen but they need to lay up treasures in heaven - Your greatest treasure must be Him
- He also taught them to put the Kingdom first and His righteousness and all the other things will be added onto them
- The eyes is the lamp of the body, if your eye is good the whole body will be good
- Money – He taught them that they cannot serve two masters and that they need to control money and not allow money to control them
- Jesus said that we do not need to worry about tomorrow but we need to trust Him and be dependant upon Him everyday
- Do not judge others, the same measure that you use to judge others will be used to judge you - remove the plank from your own eye before you can remove the speck in your brother's eye
- Do not follow the wide road but rather choose the narrow way because wide is the road that leads to destruction and death but take the narrow road because it leads to life
- He warns us not to listen to false prophets – a tree will be known by its fruit – we need to have discernment
- Jesus is revealing how the Kingdom of God is operating and how we need to conduct ourselves in the Kingdom of God
- Jesus ends the sermon with the following verses:

Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

- There is power in action
- Jesus is showing the people how God wants them to live

- If we apply the Word to our lives we are compared to a person that is very wise and built his house on a rock and when the winds and the storms come it will not fall because it is founded on the rock
- Many times our children does not hear what we are saying to them because the very next day they make the same mistakes because they are not applying what they are taught
- If we do not apply and do what is said we are like a foolish man who built his house on the sand and when the rains and the storms came it fell
- There is something that happens when we take action and respond to the Word, when we grab hold of what is released – there is a power that manifest in your life and are activated
- If you do not take action, very little will change in your life
- The moment that you take action, power is released

Acts 1:8 NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Romans 8:11 NKJV

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- The moment you step out in faith something begins to take place
- God has given us the power to change our lives, relationships, environment, circumstances, surroundings, weaknesses, etc.
- There is a power that is living in you that are activated the moment you step out in faith and begin to do something
- That power of God has the ability to change everything about you
- Are you still doing what God wants you to do, are you still responding to the Word and are you still changing?
- We all want the picture of success in our lives
- In order to look good there is a certain pattern that we need to follow
- You need to do some form of exercise and you need to follow a healthy diet and you need to do it consistently
- Whatever you do need to become a lifestyle
- The change will not happen overnight
- We many times know what we need to do but we choose not to do it
- There are consequences because we are not doing what we are supposed to do
- Maybe we do not have the willpower to change
- To get out of your situation there need to be an action
- We need to take up responsibility and become a good steward of everything that is given to us
- Everything that I am in control of is my responsibility and that what I cannot control is God’s responsibility
- We need to become good stewards in every aspect of our lives not just in certain areas

James 1:22 NKJV

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- Begin with small steps consistently and there will be evidence of change
- Anything that you want to achieve is possible when you take action
- When we take action in the natural there is going to be a change, how much more will there be a spiritual change and transformation when we take up the things of God

Galatians 5:22 – 23 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- We need to ask ourselves what type of fruit do we carry in our lives?
- If you do not bear the right fruits, it is because you are rooted in the wrong things
- If you are rooted in the wrong things, it will cause disaster in your future
- You need to unroot yourself from the wrong things
- The rain will come and the storms will come
- We need to make sure that we do not grow in the wrong things
- God wants to touch your life and He wants to do something great in your life

Matthew 7:28 - 8:1 NKJV

And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

- People were astonished because He was teaching with authority and the authority came because He was living out that what He was teaching
- Great multitudes followed Him because they wanted more and they were touched
- Our motive and attitude need to be that we want more of Him and hear more of Him because we want to be changed
- We need to take action
- We need to become doers of the Word
- God wants us to engage with Him on the other side
- We need to become desperate before the Lord
- It might not happen immediately but when we persevere God will come through for you and bring the change
- There is something greater that God wants to do in our lives
- Week after week we hear powerful sermons but we go on with our own things
- We need to come to that place where we take action
- God wants to bring about a power to change
- We are no longer little babies, we are mature and therefore we need to take responsibility for our own lives
- We cannot wait for God to do everything, He is waiting for us to take action
- You have the ability to change your life through the power of the Holy Spirit and it is going to take hard work and commitment
- If you don't take action you run the risk of stagnating
- You need to make a decision everyday: Are you going to be a victim or a victor, are you going to be the head or the tail, are you going to break down or are you going to be a builder?
- We need to become good stewards of what God entrusted to us
- You are your own biggest enemy and therefore you need to bring yourself into the presence of God and allow Him to change you

Philippians 3:12 NKJV

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

- Paul says that he is continuing to take action and apply the Word to His life

John 4:34 NKJV

Jesus said to them, *“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*

- Jesus is saying, what gives Him strength is to do the will of His Father and to finish His work

Matthew 7:21 NKJV

“Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

- The will of My Father in heaven is not works but is our response to Him and our attitude towards Him
- Does is a verb – there is a work that we need to do
- In your marriage it is not sitting back and relaxing but it is hard work
- With everything that we want to accomplish in life it is hard work
- Even when it comes to the Kingdom, it is hard work but there will come a good fruit
- Pastor Hannes released a while back: “You are more than you think you are!”
- Sometimes we look at ourselves and we do not see what God sees
- It is not over for you yet, you have a great future ahead of you, you are a warrior
- Do something for the Lord and there will be a power released and there will come a change
- People are lost in the world and God is crying out for those people – our response should be: “Lord send me” and then take action and go

Joshua 1:9 NKJV

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

- God wants to strengthen our lives
- He wants us to do something because He wants to show up in our lives
- When you are bold and take action there is something that will happen
- The success and the power is in the doing