

Week 7 – November 2, 2008

**More Than Words or Deeds**  
**Relationship in the Kingdom of God**  
Matthew 7:21-23

**The Context**

The Sermon on the Mount  
The diverse nature of the audience  
The problem of bad religion

**The shocking truth**

Not everyone who says, “Lord, Lord ...”  
Not everyone who’s done this and that ...

**A better way**

We speak and serve because we know Jesus.  
More than intellectual ...  
More than theological ...  
An honest-to-goodness relationship

**How does this happen?**

Good information  
Authentic experience  
Shared mission  
Mutual dependence  
Growing affection

Related scriptures:

Matthew 7:20 *By their fruit you will recognize them.*

Matthew 7:24 *... everyone who hears these words of mine and  
them into practice ...*

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James 1:22 *Do not merely listen ... Do what it says.*  
Matthew 23 *Woes to the Pharisees*  
Isaiah 1:15 *... even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen.*  
1 John 2:4 *The man who says, "I know him," but does not do ...*  
James 2:18 *I will show you my faith by what I do.*  
James 2:19 *... Even the demons believe that – and shudder.*  
Hebrews 11:1 *... faith is being sure of what we hope for ...*  
John 14:15 *If you love me, you will obey what I command.*  
John 21:15 *Simon son of John, do you truly love me ...*  
Jeremiah 2:13 *... broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*  
Philippians 3:10 *I want to know Christ and ...*  
John 10:14 *I know my sheep and my sheep know me.*

Recommended reading:

*Conformed to His Image*, by Kenneth Boa  
*Mere Morality*, by Lewis Smedes

Additional material from Kenneth Boa

Relational spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Paradigm spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Disciplined spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Exchanged spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Motivated spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Devotional spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Holistic spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Process spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Warfare spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Nurturing spirituality \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate spirituality \_\_\_\_\_