



One Step Further

In Your Heart

Adultery



- People who live in obedience to **LAWS** think that **NOT SINNING** is the what God wants from them
- People who live by **FAITH** realize that **DOING GOOD** is what God desires
- **NOT SINNING** is not the opposite of Sinning
- **DOING GOOD** is the opposite of Sinning

Living Outside the Lines



- Don't seek the **Minimum Required** to avoid **Punishment**
- Seek the **Maximum Available** to achieve **Glory**
- **Don't** be happy to accept the "**Norm**"
- Challenge **EVERYTHING**

The Spectrum of Life



**CLEARLY
SINFUL**

**NOT
SINFUL**

***ONE STEP
FURTHER***

EASIEST

**EASIER
(At First)**

DIFFICULT

**LITTLE
FAITH**

SOME FAITH

**STRONG
FAITH**

DEATH

COMPLICATIONS

LIFE

One Step Further in Your Heart



- Moses' Law was based on **ACTIONS**
- Christ's Law is based on **THOUGHTS**
- You can **DO** Good Things, even if you have the **WRONG THOUGHTS**
- If you have the **RIGHT THOUGHTS**, you can't help but **DO GOOD**
- The Focus is on our **THOUGHTS**

Prayer



- God actually **WANTS** you to be in constant communication with Him
- Being discreet about your prayers isn't the same as **not doing them** at all
- If your Prayers are **MINDLESS** than they are **MEANINGLESS**
- **ANYTHING** can become **VAIN REPETITIONS**

Prayer



- Be **SPECIFIC!**
- God is pleased when you engage your **MIND**, and not just your **MOUTH**
- God wants to hear what **YOU** have to say
- It might not rhyme, and it won't sound as nice...

BUT IT WILL BE REAL!

Love



- Life is all about **Learning to Love**
- Jesus expects us to Love our Neighbor as a **MINIMUM**
- Jesus wants us to go **ONE STEP FURTHER** and actually Love our Enemies
- It's **NOT** good enough to simply not be Rude to Rude People...

Agape

- Don't confuse **LIKING** with **LOVING**

*"The Greek word for Love in the New Testament (agape) does not signify any sort of emotion whatsoever, but a **deliberate disposition of the will**, something which is within everyone's control if he chooses to have it so. We **CAN** put God first, and **we can care impartially for the interests of those we like and those we don't like.**"*

- Philosophy of a Good Life, Charles Gore



Agape



- It doesn't matter how you have treated the **FAVORITE** member in your Ecclesia
- It doesn't even really matter how you have treated the **AVERAGE** member in your Ecclesia
- What matters to Christ is how you have treated the **LEAST** of your Brothers and Sisters

The Purpose



“The object which the Lord has in view in all of these injunctions is to develop the character of the disciple into that of a citizen of the Kingdom. But this presents a peculiar difficulty. If the disciple fulfils the commandment with the object simply being his own self-development – then the motive become self-regarding and defeats its own end. The man who receives a blow in silence in order that he may be the more a saint is in grave danger of becoming self-righteous, and self-righteous people certainly do not belong to the class that the Lord calls ‘blessed’. The Christ-like man suffers the blow so that perchance he may win the giver of the blow, and it may ‘save a soul from death’.”

The Purpose

- You go **ONE STEP FURTHER**, not because you want to **EARN** Salvation
- You go **ONE STEP FURTHER** because you have been **GIVEN** Salvation, and you want to show your appreciation
- Your righteousness needs to **SURPASS** that of the Pharisees

