



MATTHEW



Jesus' ethical teaching in the Sermon on the Mount

Traditional
righteousness

Vicious
cycle

Transforming
initiative

Traditional righteousness:
Excluding the “impure”

Vicious cycle:
Blindness & hypocrisy

Human beings unhappily possess an inbred proclivity to mix ignorance of themselves with arrogance toward others.

Dale Allison

Transforming initiative:
Repentance & love

When we repent and allow Jesus to loosen our defensiveness, stop hiding our real selves from others, admit that we have a problem, and allow God's grace to bring about a turning in our lives, that is participating in grace. The reign of God then breaks into our lives. When we allow Jesus to convert our judging into openness and gratitude, it really is the grace of God breaking into our shame.

Glen Stassen

Invitation
Self-examination

Invitation
Self-examination

Praying Ps. 139

Invitation
Self-examination

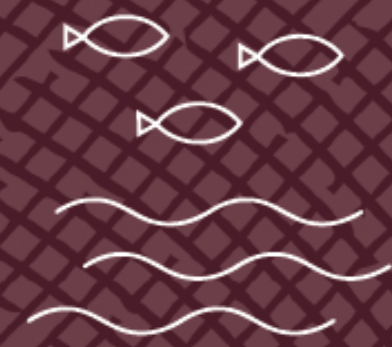
Asking the “Four Whys”

Invitation

Self-examination

Practicing a virtue

Style	Core Sin	Primary Need	Transforming Virtue
2	Pride	To be needed	Humility
3	Deceit	To be successful	Truth
4	Envy	To be unique	Gratitude
5	Greed	To be knowledgeable	Generosity
6	Fear	To be safe	Courage
7	Gluttony	To have fun	Self-control
8	Lust	To be in control	Mercy
9	Sloth	To be at peace	Faith
1	Anger	To be good	Patience



MATTHEW

