



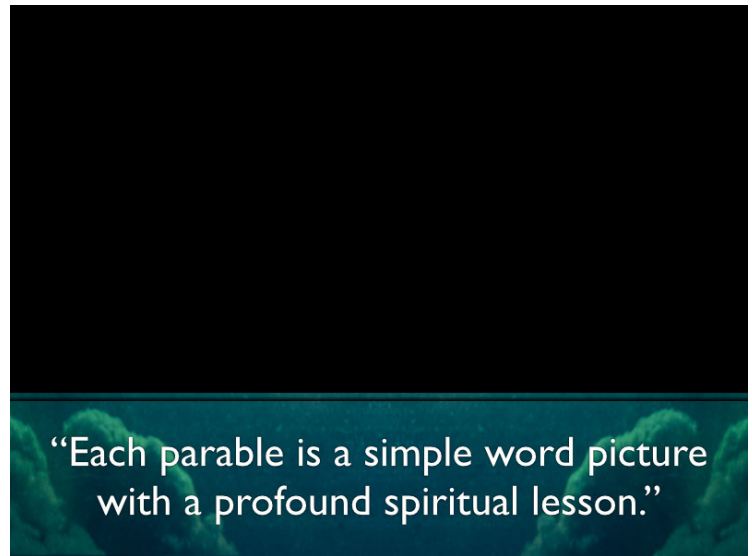
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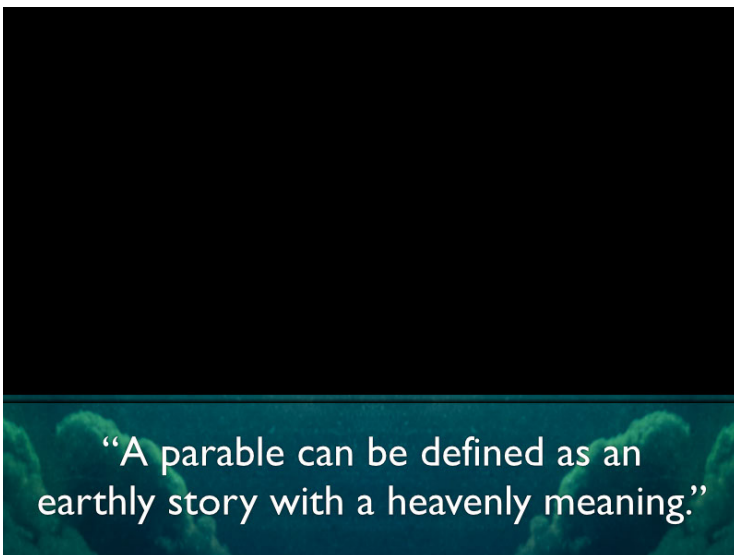
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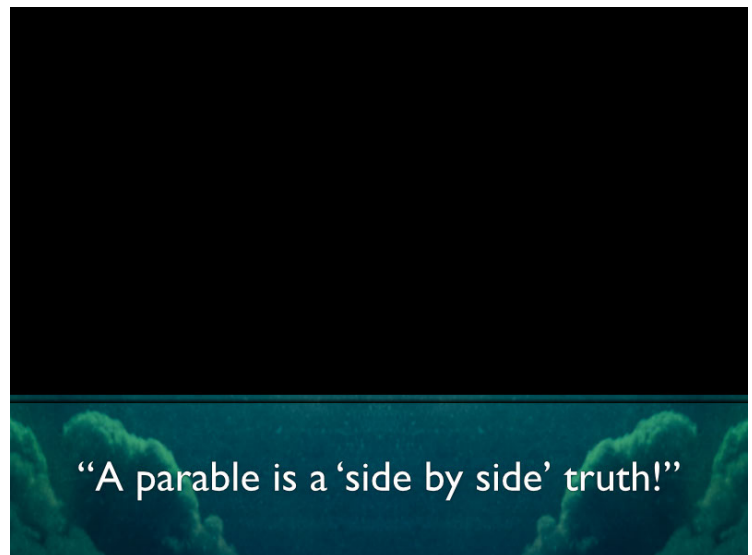
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“Jesus’ parables had a clear twofold purpose: They hid the truth from self-righteous or self-satisfied people who fancied themselves too sophisticated to learn from Him, while the same parable revealed truth to eager souls with childlike faith—those hungering and thirsting after righteousness.”

—John MacArthur

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²¹“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’

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²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’ ²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

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²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” ²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching. —Matthew 7:21-28 ^{ESV}

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“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

—Matthew 7:24 ^{ESV}

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“He who has ears to hear,
let him hear.” —Luke 8:8b ESV

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1. A Life Built on Spiritual Pretense

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⁸Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? —Galatians 4:8-9 ESV

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2. A Life Built on Gospel Truth

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¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

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¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build
My church, and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.”

—Matthew 16:13-18 ESV

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What lies beneath a true and authentic spiritual life?
A Change in Attitudes, Not Just Activities
(Matthew 5:1-11)

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But He answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall
not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes from the mouth of God.’”

—Matthew 4:4 ESV

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¹So put away all malice and all
deceit and hypocrisy and envy
and all slander. ²Like newborn
infants, long for the pure spiritual
milk, that by it you may grow up
into salvation—³if indeed you
have tasted that the Lord is good.

—1 Peter 2:1-3 ESV

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What lies beneath a true and authentic spiritual life?

A Concern For the Glory of God

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In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that
they may see your good
works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16 ESV

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For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for
good works, which God
prepared beforehand, that we
should walk in them.

—Ephesians 2:10 ESV

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“God is not an accessory for
your good; you are an accessory
to His glory.”

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What lies beneath a true and authentic spiritual life?

An Internal Desire to Obey God
(Matthew 5:17)

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You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.

—Matthew 5:48 ESV

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What lies beneath a true and authentic spiritual life?

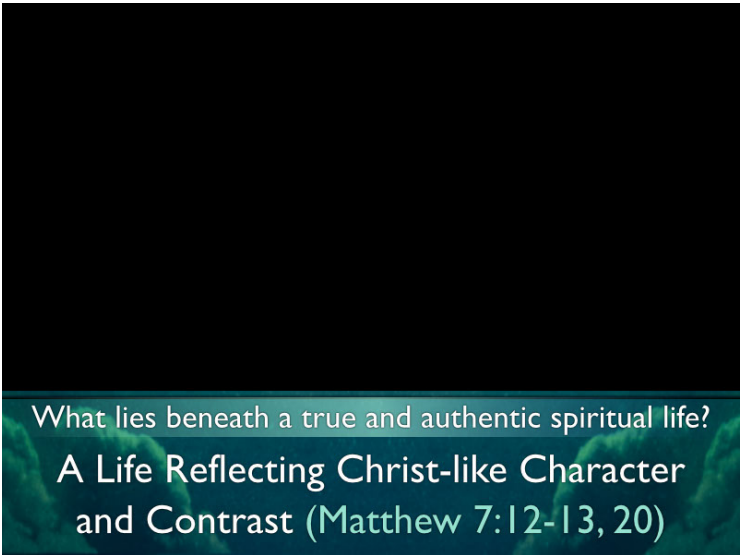
A Hope Beyond This Life
(Matthew 6:9, 19, 33)

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“Hope for the believer is not a dream of what
could be, but a confident expectation of
a guaranteed result that shapes his life.”

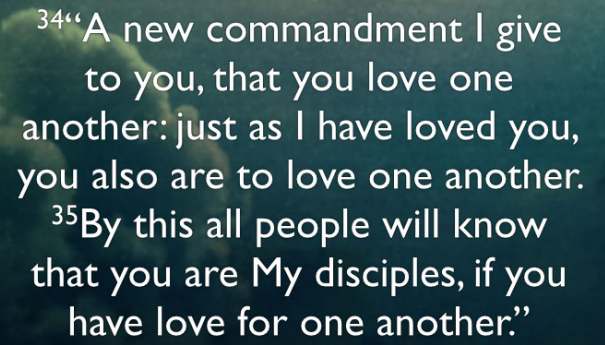
—Paul David Tripp

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What lies beneath a true and authentic spiritual life?
A Life Reflecting Christ-like Character
and Contrast (Matthew 7:12-13, 20)

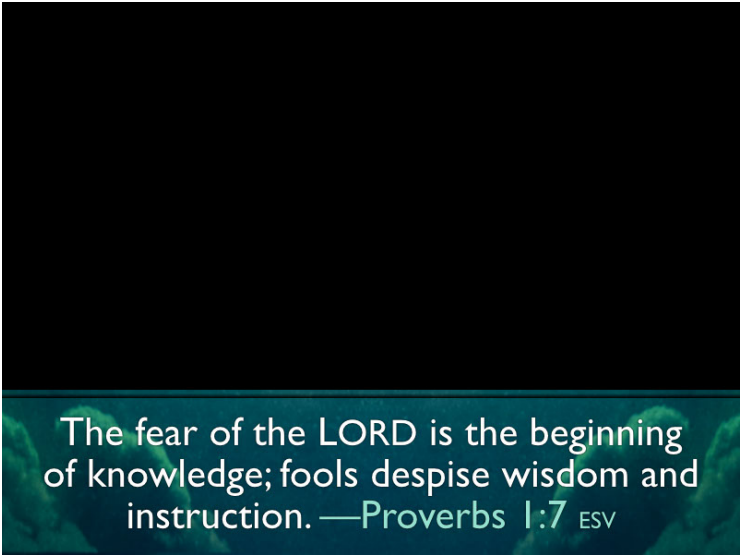
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³⁴“A new commandment I give
to you, that you love one
another: just as I have loved you,
you also are to love one another.
³⁵By this all people will know
that you are My disciples, if you
have love for one another.”

—John 13:34-35 ESV

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and
instruction. —Proverbs 1:7 ESV

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Did You Hear That?

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