

3. C _____, Mark 2:14-15

(Mark 2) [14] As He passed by, He saw Levi (Matthew 9:9 Matthew) the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose (Luke 5:28 "he left all") and followed Him.

(Matthew 6:33) ""But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."



Essentials

Jesus words surrounding Matthew's call highlight 3 essentials for fervent Christian living:

1. B _____, Mark 2:14-17

(Matthew 9:13) ""But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' ...""

(Galatians 5:17) "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."

(John 15:5) "".. without Me you can do nothing."

(John 15:4) ""... As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

(Psalms 51:17) "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart; These, O God, You will not despise."

(Matthew 5:3) ""Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."



Cancer in the mouth



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2. A _____,

(Hosea 6:6) "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, ..."

(Micah 6:6-8) "With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? {7} Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? {8} He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?"

(Genesis 4:3-4) "And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

{4} Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,"

(1 Samuel 15:22) "Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams."

