

# UPSIDE-DOWN, TWO-SIDE LIVING

## Part 1: The Blow To Status Quo

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*"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."* (Matthew 5:13-16 NLT)

### "But I say..." Challenges Status Quo

[See Matthew 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 39 & 44]

#### Can I really live an upside down, inside out life?

**DESIRE:** Am I really drawn to something different ?

*"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it."* (Matthew 5:13-16 NLT)

**DECISIONS:** Am I really willing to forfeit my agenda ?

*"...and he (God) will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern."* (Matthew 6:33 NLT)

**DESIRE + DECISIONS = Devotion**

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash."* (Matthew 7:24-27 NLT)

**An Investigator**

**A Wanderer**

**A Follower**