

## But I Tell You: Jesus Introduces a Better Way to Live by Karen L. Oberst

Chapter breakdown.

Each chapter begins with the verse in Greek, with English translation beneath it, and ends with what I call an extended translation, which is expanding on the verse to indicate what it means.

**Introduction:** Put on Your Kingdom Glasses; Change Your Perspective

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- 1.2 God Our Advocate, 5:4
- 1.3 Recognizing Our True Worth, 5:5

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- 2.2 A Better Way, 5:7
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- 3.3 The Results of Action, pt. 2, 5:11-12

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- 4.1 Salty Christians, 5:13
- 4.2 God's City Blazes With Light, 5:14.
- 4.3 Christian Lamps, 5:15. Unlike
- 4.4 Making it Personal, 5:16.

### **Chapter 5 Everything Old is New Again**

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- 5.2 God's Words Last, 5:18.
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- 5.4 Inward and Outward Righteousness, 5:20.

### **Chapter 6 The First Law: Murder and Anger (Sins of the Mind)**

- 6.1 Don't Let Your Anger Get the Better of You: 5:21-22.
- 6.2 Take the Initiative to Make Things Right With Your Friends: 5:22-24.
- 6.3 Take the Initiative to Make Things Right With Your Enemies: 5:25-26.

### **Chapter 7 The Second and Third Laws: The Marriage Vow (Sins of the Senses)**

- 7.1 Don't Get Carried Away by Your Desire: 5:27-28.
- 7.2 Drastic Problems Require Drastic Remedies: 5:29-30.
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### **Chapter 8 The Fourth Law: Integrity**

- 8.1 I Do Solemnly Swear: 5:33-34a.
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- 9.1 An Eye for an Eye: The Old Testament Standard: 5:38.
- 9.2 The Infamous Turn the Other Cheek: 5:39.
- 9.3 Exposing an Unmerciful System: 5:40
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### **Chapter 10 The Sixth Law: Love Your Enemies**

- 10.1 The Old Law: 5:43.
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- 10.3 Of Sun and Rain: 5:45.
- 10.4 God Doesn't Grade on the Curve: 5:46-47.
- 10.5 Grow Up! 5:48.

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- 11.2 "I'm Not Really a Kingdom Subject, I Just Play One on the Stage" 6:2.
- 11.3 Stealth Giving: 6:3-4.

### **Chapter 12 Teaching on Prayer**

- 12.1 Praying to the Audience: 6:5-6.
- 12.2 Simple, Honest Prayer: 6:7-8.
- 12.3 The Lord's Prayer: 6:9-13
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- 13.1 High Tragedy: 6:16-18

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- 14.1 Where is our Treasure: 6:19-21
- 14.2 Keep Your Glass Clean: 6:22-23
- 14.3 One Boss: 6:24

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- 15.1 Consider the Wild Birds: 6:25-27
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- 17.1 Ask, Seek, Knock: 7:7-8
- 17.2 Giving Good Gifts: 7:9-11
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