I. Matthew 5:38-48

- A. Perfection....Is It Possible?
 - 1. If Jesus said it, there must be a path to obtain it.
 - 2. Jesus is referring to how you approach situations differently than everyone else; when Jesus becomes your Lord instead of just your Savior, you will look at things the way He does, and your actions will be different.
 - 3. Perfection Complete; of full age; grown up
- B. Pray...Pray...Pray
 - 1. On Sunday, we discussed the power of Intercession and how it opens the door for God's blessing in your life. What will the opposite do? It closes heaven's windows.
 - 2. The way to measure your growth in God is how you act or react to people (what they do and what they say).
 - This may be the most challenging part in life...but if you can accomplish this, you will live in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3).
 - Learning how to pray first...pray always...this is the beginning of the walk of perfection.

Philippians 3:12-16 (Amplified) II.

- A. The Pursuit
 - 1. Have the proper Attitude
 - Attitude of Gratitude (When people or things try to frustrate you, think on these things...as the Bible says...Find the place to look at what is right rather than what is wrong).
 - Attitude of Praise Rejoice in the Lord when? / Luke 6:22-23
 - Attitude of Mercy and Prayer
 - 2. Forget the things in the past / Forgiveness is the first step to forgetting (Paul dealt with his own mistakes....that's why he finally came to himself and said, "This one thing I do..."
 - 3. Press forward When things aren't lining up, don't give up; God's got this!
- B. Perfection....Through One Word: Love
 - 1. Colossians 3:12-15 (Bond of Perfection).
 - 2. If you want to obtain perfection, apply love (Love your enemies...love each other...love life!)