



Filters

The Purpose of Filters

1. Filters remove substances as they pass through
2. Filters keep things clean, pure, and free of contaminants
3. To separate 2 incompatible things



Proverbs 4:23: Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Example of Filtering

Philippians 4:8: Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Focus on Matthew 5

Q: Why is it important to filter everything through scripture?

A: Filters help shape the way we view the world and what we do with the information we receive.

Q: How do Christians filter their thinking?

A: Christians filter their thinking by concentrating on those things that eternally matter.

Filtering Anger

Matthew 5:21-22: “You have heard that it was said
to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and
whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22
But I say to you that everyone who is angry with
his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever
insults his brother will be liable to the council; and
whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of
fire.

Filtering Lust

Matthew 5:27-28: “You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you
that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful
intent has already committed adultery with her in
his heart.

Filtering Divorce

Matthew 5:31-32: “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

Filtering Oaths

Matthew 5:33-35: “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

Filtering Retaliation

Matthew 5:38-41: “You have heard that it was said,
‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I
say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if
anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the
other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take
your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if
anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two
miles.

Filtering Love

Matthew 5:43-45: “You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44
But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your
Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on
the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and
on the unjust.

Conclusion: What Happens When The Filter Clogs?



Galatians 5:9: A little leaven leavens the whole lump.