



## Right Attitudes Please God!

### Jesus Gives the Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus taught the multitudes because He saw the multitudes that were looking for something that He could do for them.

They were seeking a miracle and He gave them a sermon on how to be blessed and to be a blessing. The location of the mountain is unknown but was likely in the region of Galilee where Jesus had been preaching, teaching, and healing.

The Beatitudes (perfect blessing or happiness) describe the characteristics that Jesus expects of those who follow Him. Each description is accompanied by a pronouncement of blessing on those who demonstrate that characteristic. Although some are worded in the present tense and some in future tense, all are certainties. If Jesus said it...it is truth!

Although “happy” is used in some translations in lieu of “blessed”, happy does not convey the full meaning of what is intended here.

**THIS BLESSING BY GOD INVOLVES JOY THAT DOESN'T DEPEND ON CIRCUMSTANCES BUT RATHER IS BASED ON WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US.**

The human mind is amazing. It can come up with ideas for children's books, strategies on how to win a football game, words for a key boardroom meeting, the best way to bless a friend or one who is in need, and ideas for a candlelight dinner for a friend or spouse (last thought is a hint for the upcoming Valentine for our sweetheart).

The mind can also come up with ways to get even with someone, can become consumed by thoughts of bitterness, can focus on the negative....and the mind can frequently jump back and forth between extremes.

**TODAY'S LESSON IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE WAY WE THINK—THE ATTITUDES WE DEVELOP, THE THINGS WE FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS ON—WILL EVENTUALLY COME OUT IN OUR ACTIONS.**

Our thoughts reveal who we are....for ourselves.

How can we change our thoughts to a goal of being a blessing to God and others?

Through prayer, through dwelling on things that are positive and proactive.

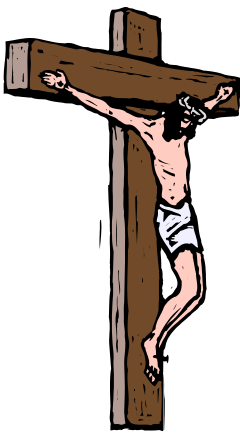
God will not force His desires for our pleasure or His pleasure on us...

We must choose to:

- Be a blessing,
- Be a prayer warrior,
- Want what is best for others,
- Work for God's glory instead of ours,
- Have the right attitude toward others...and to the situations we are facing.

**The #1 thing that we are to learn from this lesson:**

**Following Jesus has its price, but it also has great rewards.**



**The Price is Right!  
It has been paid in full.  
Now...The Choice is Yours to follow the One who  
paid the price for you on Calvary.**

**The choice to be good....vs. The choice to be bad!  
Your decision (period).**

**As a Christian, we need to understand “The Paul Principle.”**

**Paul Principle: Philippians 4:8**

**“What ever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”**

**Let’s dwell on this as a principle to take heed and understand....then do.**

**In America, it is very much a dilemma to know what is true and what is a lie (fiction).**

**We can not depend on the leading commercials to tell it like it is.**

**We can’t rely on the politicians to tell it like it is.**

**We can’t rely on the media to tell the truth.**

**In some cases, we can not rely on a preacher or teacher to tell it like it is.**

**Who can we rely on??**

**THE WORD....THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD IS RELIABLE,  
DEFENDABLE, DEPENDABLE, AND PRACTICAL FOR ALL TIMES!**

**Jesus taught the multitudes...but more than the multitudes that heard him speak then...are those that hear Him speak today.**

**We have heard people repeat the age-old saying, “the truth speaks from the grave.” This saying is not true...it is only a lesson that was taught by a parent, a teacher, a preacher, a grandfather.**

**Jesus is alive and is the one that speaks the truth...He is not in the grave...but interceding for us at the right hand of the Father God.**

**God’s Word has become the most reliable source of information that has ever been recorded. History and life prove that what is stated in the Word is truth.**

**Let your life be a symbol of truth: Think right...and Do Right!**