



WHAT **JESUS** SAID ABOUT...

I. SERMON ON THE MOUNT: THE CORE VALUES OF THE KINGDOM



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ABOUT...

A. I refer to the Sermon on the Mount as the constitution of God's kingdom. It is Jesus' most comprehensive statement about a believer's role in cooperating with the grace of God and is the "litmus test" to accurately measure our spiritual development and ministry impact.



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litmus test

1. (Chemistry) a test to establish the acidity or alkalinity of a mixture
2. a critical indication of future success or failure



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B. Jesus calls His people to make it their primary life goal to walk in perfect obedience by seeking to walk in all the light that the Spirit gives them. Pursuing this is not the same as attaining it.

48 You shall be perfect [walk in all the light you receive] as your Father...is perfect. (Mt. 5:48)



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C. Jesus calls us to live out the eight Beatitudes (5:3-12) as we pursue 100-fold obedience (5:48). The Beatitudes are like 8 beautiful flowers in the “garden of our heart” that God wants to fully blossom. They define love, godliness, and spiritual maturity and describe the kingdom lifestyle. Implied in all of God’s commands is the promise of enabling us to walk out the command.

D. These 8 flowers must be cultivated as we “weed our garden” by resisting 6 common temptations(Mt. 5:21-48) and as we “water our garden” by pursuing 5 kingdom activities(Mt. 6:1-20).



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