

“Be Attitudes or Bad Attitudes: Which Do I Have?”

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† Chapters 5, 6, & 7 of Matthew make up the Sermon on the Mount, so called because Jesus gave it on a hillside outside of Capernaum.

† Jesus is presenting a series of blessings for people who are in a right relationship with God.

† Beatitude is defined as “supreme blessedness or happiness.”

† This is how God made me and how I am to *be*, so they can be called “Be Attitudes.”

Matthew 5:3-6

† The first 4 “Be Attitudes” (Verses 3-6) portray the ideal spiritual heart condition for a Christian.

Matthew 5:7-11

† The next 5 (verses 7-11) are the actions resulting from having these “Be Attitudes.”

† The beatitudes describe different experiences and attitudes of one person, rather than nine different types of people.

† “Be Attitudes” are lived in people who are blessed.

† “Bad Attitudes” are lived in people who are condemned.

† The key to following The Beatitudes is my personal integrity.

† God created me to live these “Be Attitudes.” They are already within me.

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† Which Beatitude has meant the most to me and why?

† Which Beatitude confuses me the most?

† Which Beatitude challenges me the most right now?

† What “Bad Attitude” do I have that needs God’s help to change into a “Be Attitude?”

“Bad Attitudes” (Opposites of “Be Attitudes”)

Vs. 3 ~ Condemned are those who are prideful and seek personal independence, for theirs will be the kingdom of Hell.

Vs. 4 ~ Condemned are you if you seek happiness at all cost, for you will always be troubled.

Vs. 5 ~ Condemned are those who seek power, for you will lose everything.

Vs. 6 ~ Condemned are you who only look after your own personal needs, for your life will be empty.

Vs. 7 ~ Condemned are those who show no mercy, for no mercy will ever be shown them.

Vs. 8 ~ Condemned are those who deceive others, for you will never see God.

Vs. 9 ~ Condemned are those who insist on fighting at all cost, for you will be called “sons of Satan.”

Vs. 10 ~ Condemned are those who do evil, for their destination is hell.

Vs. 11 ~ Condemned are you when all you care about is yourself, for you then only say good things about Evil.