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## The Sermon on the Mount Reflection

**Directions:** Read Matthew Chapters 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount). You can use your own person bible or you can use the on-line bible linked to myMitty resources. Answer the following questions.

**Part I: The Beatitudes.** The first 11 verses (Mt 5:1-11) are the Beatitudes. Which two beatitudes appeal to you most? Write them out below.

1. Bless the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
2. Bless the merciful for they will be shown mercy.

**Part II. Understanding the Sermon of the Mount** Write out two short saying (teaching of Jesus) that is most appealing to you in Mt 5-7. Why do they appeal to you over the others?

1. One of the teachings is that the law is not more important than anything else.

Why? It shows that Jesus valued doing the right thing over following the law to the T.

2. Another teaching is that if someone hits you on the cheek, do not try and retaliate equally, but offer the other.

Why? It shows that Jesus thought that it was more important to try and foster peace than get even with an enemy.

Write out two short saying that would be the most difficult for you or that you struggle to understand why they are important.

1. One short saying is "love your enemy".

Why? I do not understand why one would love their enemy when it would be safer to maintain a healthy distrust so it would be hard to be harmed.

2. Jesus teaches to not worry about clothes and money.

Why? I find this saying difficult to understand because it seems like if you do not worry about clothes or money, you will not be able to enjoy, or live, your life properly.

Write down two saying (different from the one's you have chosen so far) that you are not sure what Jesus meant by or how it could be applicable for today. Go to the bible commentary website ([www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/index.htm](http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-commentary/index.htm)) and read the commentary under the passage to see if you understand the saying any clearer. Write your conclusion below.

1. Jesus teaches that people who work for peace are the children of god.

Your Question?

Does this include people who use destructive force to try and achieve their goal?

Commentary Explanation

People who work for peace are only working for the peace of God with themselves.

2. Jesus said that people who suffer for justice are happy.

Your Question?

If someone suffers for justice, will they not be unhappy because they are ultimately still suffering?

Commentary Explanation

Suffering is not always something that can be noticed, and thus people suffering for justice can still be happy despite their fate.