

Having a Heart Like Jesus

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We all need constant attitude adjustments.

Seven of the nine beatitudes focus on the condition of our heart.

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

(Hebrews 4:12, ESV)

Introduction

Background on Sermon the Mount

This is *the* sermon Jesus taught: on the plain, on the mountain, everywhere. Jesus taught with authority

What we hope to learn

You have to look beyond the command to the condition of the heart that allows you to keep the command. If you're heart is not right, then you're wrong.

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Poor in Spirit - We all know that happy = blessed. But perhaps we should think of the word fortunate. He's the luckiest guy on the block. If you ave a humble

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The kingdom calls for a higher standard of living

A standard where you make sure that your outward behavior is driven by an inward resolve. If someone is mad at you, you take the initiative to fix it.

Why was David not punished for eating the priests' bread?

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Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?

Matthew 12:9–14

Healing didn't fall exactly in the 39 categories of work.

Jesus heals a man's withered hand.

He appeals to common sense to determine that it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath

Correct interpretation of the Bible depends on a proper attitude.

“Helping” Christians apply God’s commands.

These Sabbath traditions were originally designed to help people make application of God’s commands.

This is a dangerous trap for those of us who take God’s commands seriously.

Example:

The New Testament is not very specific “modest” dress. So, well-meaning Christians devised a number of convoluted arguments to tell Christians what modest dress looks like using:

- ▶ The definition of the word *tunic*.
- ▶ The garments that preists wore.
- ▶ Garments worn at the time of Abraham.

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