

Jesus' Radical Rules

The Sermon on the Mount, Season 1

Core Message: Jesus calls His followers to live generously, love unconditionally, and seek God's approval over man's praise. Through the Sermon on the Mount, we are taught to reflect God's goodness by loving our enemies, giving without expecting return, and practicing righteousness in humility. Yeshua emphasizes the transformation of character that aligns us with the heart of our Heavenly Father—a life marked by spiritual strength, inner purity, and authentic devotion. Ultimately, our calling is to rise above natural responses and embody the perfection of our Father in Heaven through daily actions and attitudes.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Matthew 5:42) "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you."**
- (2 Thessalonians 3:10) "If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either."
- (Matthew 5:44-45) "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."
- (Matthew 5:48) "Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
- Matthew 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven."
- (Matthew 6:3-4) "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."

- Matthew 6:6) "But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you."

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

"We need to interpret God's Word with _____ and in the light of the rest of Scripture."

"We should live as _____ people."

"Live big. Love big. _____ big. Lead a big life because God is big."

"God's destiny for you and I, for every single one of His children, is that we would be _____."

"Don't try to be a good Christian for the sake of looking good in front of other _____."

"When you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your _____ hand is doing."

"If we say we're praying, let's not _____. Let's really pray."

Notes:

(Use lines below for personal notes)

Reflection Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally to "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"?

2. How can you practice generosity in your life without fear of being taken advantage of?

3. When you pray, are you focused more on God's presence or how others perceive your prayer?

4. What are some ways you can share God's unconditional love with people who are difficult to love? Write the name of one person in particular and the specific action you can take.

5. When you have secretly blessed someone with kindness what did you experience? Do you want them to notice? What if they didn't?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Every day this week, intentionally do one act of kindness for someone who cannot repay you and pray for someone who has mistreated you.

(Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- "Thank You, Lord, for loving me even when I was undeserving."
- "Help me to love and give generously, reflecting Your heart."
- "Strengthen me, God, to walk in humility and truth before You."

Resources	Where to find it
<i>The Beatitudes</i> , a teaching series; <i>To Know Him By Name & Decoding the Torah</i> , Books by Rabbi K. A. Schneider	https://store.discoveringthejewishjesus.com/products/the-beatitudes-sc https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/to-know-him-by-name/ https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com/decoding-the-torah/

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (