

Personal/Family Core Values

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Blessed by God



**A mature disciple is being
transformed by the
Good News in Jesus Christ**

Matthew 5:1-16 ref.ly/Mt5;niv

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The Gospel as told by Matthew

Jesus is the long-anticipated Messiah

➤ The one chosen by God to bring His goodness

Jesus is the founder of God's new people / society

➤ Very surprising and puzzling values!

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The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Jesus taught us to pray:

"your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:10

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Matthew 5:1-2

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

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Matthew 5:3-6

He said:

³ "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are **those who mourn**,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the **meek**,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst
for righteousness**,
for they will be filled.

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Matthew 5:7-10

- ⁷ Blessed are the **merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the **pure in heart**,
for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the **peacemakers**,
for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are **persecuted
because of righteousness**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Matthew 5:11-12

- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you **because of me**. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But **if the salt loses its saltiness**, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

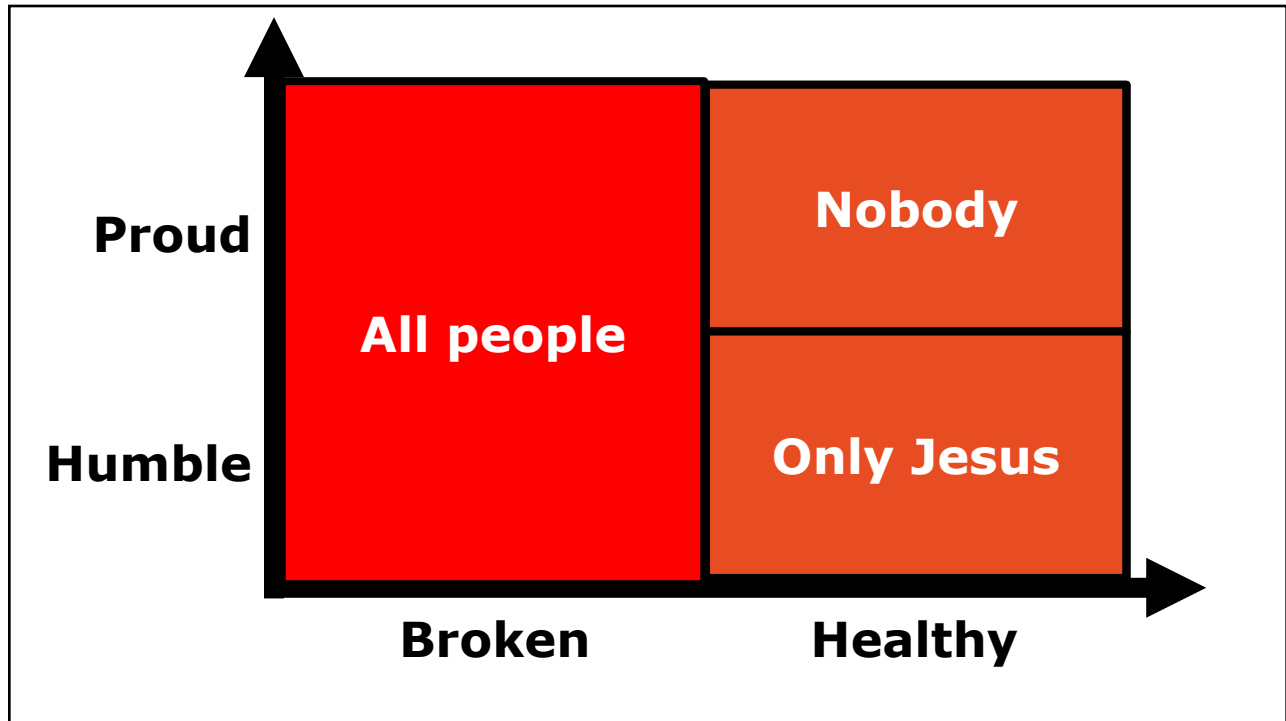
¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be **hidden**. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it **under a bowl**. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:13-14

To the church in Laodicea:

"You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.'" Revelation 3:17

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What should we do?

Value humility and meekness

- Humility = knowing our need
- Meekness = accepting our place under God

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What should we do?

Value humility and meekness

Value mercy and peacemaking

- Seeking the good of others, even when it costs us
- Especially those who know their needs

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What should we do?

Be distinctive (salt)

- Pursue humility, meekness, and mercy
- “Gravity” pulls us away from these

Be visible (light)

- Be known for humility, meekness, and mercy
- NOT being self-righteousness (Pharisees), judgmental, fighting for us, pursuing the “winners”

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Jesus, “being in very nature God,
 did not consider equality with God something to be
 used to his own advantage;
 rather, he made himself nothing
 by taking the very nature of a servant,
 being made in human likeness.
 And being found in appearance as a man,
 he humbled himself
 by becoming obedient to death—
 even death on a cross!” Philippians 2:6-8

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