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## Sermon on the Mount – Attitudes

### Week 2 of 11

When confronted with a difficult situation, a person with an outstanding attitude makes the best of it while he gets the worst of it. Life can be likened to a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you depends on what you are made of. [John C. Maxwell, from *Attitude 101* (Thomas Nelson, 2003)]

Words can never adequately convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it. (Charles R. Swindoll, *Christian Reader*, Vol. 33, no. 4.)

The beatitudes are spiritual characteristics that reflect Christ in the lives of His disciples. They are attitudes that result in our obedience to His call to live a godly life. The daily bible reading for this week will explore some of what scripture says about our attitude.

- DAY ONE – Matthew 5:3-12
- DAY TWO – Philippians 2:3-11
- DAY THREE – Psalm 1
- DAY FOUR – Matthew 23
- DAY FIVE– Job 1, 2 & 42

#### Memory Verse:

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

(Matthew 5:11-12)

