

Preaching the Disciple Life
“Sermon on the Mount: Point #1”
Matthew 5:17-6:18

Following a definition of true happiness and a call to influence and duty, the sermon continues with an explanation of conduct appropriate among Kingdom people. Jesus teaches it is not enough to avoid sinful behavior if we also fail to deal with the heart. Likewise, positive behavior must flow from a right heart, a correct motive. Jesus-followers display a radical commitment to a higher standard for life.

1. The Disciple’s Standard (5:17-48)

- **Exceeding the Law (vv.17-20)**

- **Exceeding the Culture (vv.21-47)**

- **Reflecting the Holiness of God (v.48)**

2. The Disciple’s Motivation (6:1-18)

- **Reward from God Motivates Giving (vv.1-4)**

- **Reward from God Motivates Prayer (vv.5-15)**

- **Reward from God Motivates Fasting (vv.16-18)**