

## **Sermon on the Mount: Children of God**

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#### **Introduction**

Matthew 5:43-48, sons of God

1 Tim. 6:11, man of God

#### **Be relational (5:21-26): Be forgiving to others, building strong relationships**

- Be forgiving (also see 5:38-42) – without vengeance
- Be loving, we are all walking wounded
- Be open, transparent, vulnerable
- Be connected
- Be reconciled

#### **Be resistant (5:27): Be forceful with sin, relationship to sin**

- James 1:13-16
- Resistance is illustrated in Matthew 4 and Jesus' temptations.
- The dynamic that runs through and runs the Christian life is the word of God. Live by the word of God, Psalm 119:11, 105
- A person weak in the word will be weak spiritually and morally.

#### **Be righteous, pure (5:31-37): Be faithful to God, be loyal**

- Be an example; Phil 4:9, 1 Cor. 11:1
- Consider the power of example
- Be right, honest (5:33-37) – no false oaths

#### **Be real, be like God (5:43-48): Be focused**

Fix your eyes, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, 5:1; Heb 3:1, 12:1-2

1 John 2:15-17, what are you willing to live/die for?

The second temptation of Jesus; where we focus our view, what is our focus.

Learn the difference between the artificial and the real (illus: fishing).

Two reasons for our existence.

First, be like God, like Jesus. Eph. 5:1, sons, children; being like God.

This is my changing and becoming like God in whose image I was made.

This is purpose of Sunday and Wednesday

Requires learning about God, Col. 1:15ff; Heb 1; John 14:8-9; Matt 1:23, 28:20

Second, bring him glory, honor and praise. What can I learn that will make me like God?

That must be our obsession.

Then, let our light shine, Matt 5; 1 Pet 2

#### **Conclusion**

This is why evangelism is based on relationships and is not a program

We must learn to define Christianity by the nature of God.

Gen 1:26-27, return to the image of God.

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