

“Be” Attitudes

Sensitivity

Review

- Jesus preached the “Sermon on the Mount” in Matthew 5, 6, & 7 and Luke 6
- He begins this sermon with the eight Beatitudes.
 - A beatitude is “the declaration of blessedness made by our Savior to particular virtues.” – Webster’s 1828
- Each is tied to a state of blessedness – “Blessed are the...”
 - This is more than just being happy or fortunate.
 - It is to be content, fulfilled, and prosperous in a spiritual and not physical sense.
- In these short phrases, Christ illustrates what the attitude of a believer should be.

Sensitivity

- “Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” – Matthew 5:4
- *Mourn* means “To express grief or sorrow; to grieve; to be sorrowful. Mourning may be expressed by weeping or audible sounds, or by sobs, sighs or inward silent grief.” – Webster’s 1828
- It is unclear here if the object of mourning is sin or heartache, but either one is easily applicable.
 - Mourning our sin leads to repentance – II Corinthians 7:9-10
 - Mourning our heartaches and troubles is a natural part of life – II Corinthians 4:7-18, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- I want to broaden this, because to mourn something is to be sensitive to a problem.
- We should be sensitive to the needs and conditions of those around us – Romans 12:15
- Christ Himself models this behavior – John 11:35, Hebrews 4:15
- We can stay sensitive as we remember:
 - The love we show others illustrates to those around us the love God has for us – Matthew 5:13-16
 - We are commanded to help those around us – Galatians 6:2
 - We have the promise that God is close to the brokenhearted – Psalm 34:18