

10 Commandments vs. Beatitudes

One is set in stone literally and figuratively the other not.
Law/Black & White/Beatitudes/Shades of Gray
From Do's & Don'ts to General Principals to apply

Blessed are the:

Poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful,
who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the pure in heart,
the peacemakers, persecuted because of righteousness, & Jesus.

(vs. 1-2) Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: (What it means to be a disciple/fisher of men).

Psalm 23 vs. the Beatitudes

One is comfort/other promises blessing but is challenging

Psalm 23 God's Presence and Protection

Beatitudes Principles to apply that ultimately bring blessing.

"Be a blessing to receive a blessing."

Drake Maye -sweatshirt, "Be a blessing."

Favorite Bible Verse, Proverbs 16:9

Drake Maye: "It's hard... Good God"

Josh McDaniels: "Look at me, it's gonna be hard, but look, this will be the most rewarding 6 1/2 minutes of our lives if we can get it done."

FINAL THOUGHTS Isaiah 9:1-4 p. 1,072

"Right Wisdom: God's Wisdom"

"It's not practical."

The wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world are different.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing... Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world...For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom.

Sermon Notes 02-08-2026

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalm 15:1-6 p. 853

"Right Worship According to David"

Taught as a Child Cleanliness for Church, Dress Code, Don't Run, Don't be Loud. (Show respect for God/Not distract others).

Jewish people of King David's time had many rituals they followed in regards to worship (washing, bodily purity, fasting)

David "Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?" Most would think of worship preparation.

David takes it another direction, not Ritual Cleanliness but Whole-Life Integrity. (i.e. walk the talk)

Last week we talked about wholistic repentance. Psalm 15 fits right into that conversation.

"Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi." "The law of praying is the law of believing is the law of living."

David's first focus is on right speech:

Ragal (slander) This is speech that moves. Whispered. Circulated. Repeated. Its damage comes through spread.

Herpah (slur) This is speech that lands. Public shaming. Disgrace, Crushing.

(Paul echoes this in Ephesians 4:29)

David also mentions:

4a Don't call evil good, giving honor to living in a Godly way.

4b. Be a person of your word.

5a. Don't lend to the poor with interest, nor take a bribe against the innocent. (Mercy & compassion over material gain)

FURTHER THOUGHTS Matthew 5:1-12 p. 1,501

"Right Living: Being and Receiving A Blessing"

Children and boundaries

Younger -more structured, Yes/No, Do/Don't, Black & White

Older – more freedom, maybe, it depends, shades of gray

"You should always tell the truth."

"Sometimes you need to tell a little white lie."

*Prayerfully, openly engage in relationships
through Christ's love."*

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Please stay for after Worship fellowship TODAY.

See hallway table for various sign- up sheets and ways you can help the ministry here at 1stUP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb 10th 6:30pm Crafts

BRIGHT SPOT

The CLC committee is planning a music and game event for all in the Newville area who have memory issues and their caregivers/loved ones. It is called Bright Spot because it is designed to encourage fun and relaxation—a time to get away from the tasks of daily living. **Saturday, February 21 at 1:30 pm** is the event's date. We will begin with a get acquainted game, then enjoy music with Chip Messenger followed by Bingo and light refreshments. We need a few volunteers to help set up tables, greet folks as they come in and to offer assistance, if needed, during the event. A couple batches of cookies are needed, too. A sign up sheet is on the table. Help us to share God's love with our community. Questions? Call Rausa at 717-776-9142.

Join us for the **Super Bowl of Caring!** We are collecting donations to buy beef for the Big Spring Area Food Bank. Our goal is to provide 1 lb beef packages to each family unit that the area food bank serves. Write Super Bowl on the memo line of your donation. We will finish collecting donations on **February 8th**. Cash also accepted. Thanks!

Lent Reading materials on hallway table. Lent begins Feb. 18th.