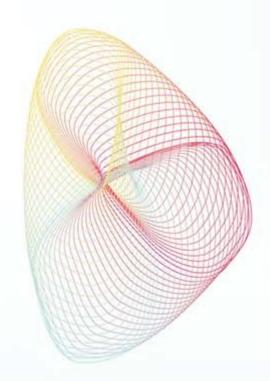


THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

An Invitation to Reflection and Retreat



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

RETREAT BOOKLET



Available online at blackhawk.church/becoming



A PERSON WHO:

- · does not cut others down with my words.
- seeks to reconcile broken relationships.
- · honors God with my sexualitybody and mind.
- is committed to my marriage.
- · tells the truth.
- responds to attacks with kindness that brings repentance.
- loves and prays for my enemies.
- · does not do spiritual things in front of others for praise.
- prioritizes God's kingdom when I pray.
- · forgives.
- invests in God's kingdom with my resources.
- manages my money wisely, instead of it managing me.
- cares less about material things.
- sees my own faults and doesn't judge others for theirs.
- helps others overcome their faults.
- is generous and hospitable.

DATE NAME



Kingdom People...

- do not cut others down with their words.
- seek to reconcile broken relationships.
- honor God with their sexuality—body and mind.
- are committed to their marriage.
- tell the truth.
- respond to attacks with kindness that brings repentance.

Kingdom People...

- love and pray for their enemies.
- don't do spiritual things in front of others for praise.
- prioritize God's kingdom when they pray.
- forgive.
- invest in God's kingdom with their resources.

Kingdom People...

- manage their money wisely, instead of it managing them.
- care less about material things.
- see their own faults and don't judge others for theirs.
- help others overcome their faults.
- are generous and hospitable.

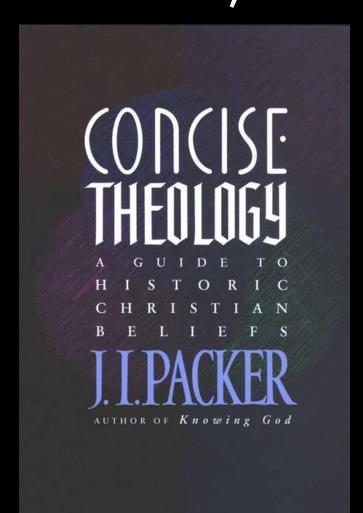
Kingdom people...

- do not cut others down with their words.
- seek to reconcile broken relationships.
- honor God with their sexuality—body and mind.
- are committed to their marriage.
- tell the truth.
- respond to attacks with kindness that brings repentance.
- love and pray for their enemies.
- don't do spiritual things in front of others for praise.

- prioritize God's kingdom when they pray.
- forgive.
- invest in God's kingdom with their resources.
- manage their money wisely, instead of it managing them.
- care less about material things.
- see their own faults and don't judge others for theirs.
- help others overcome their faults.
- are generous and hospitable.

¹³ Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

"Scripture sees hell as self-chosen; ...hell appears as God's gesture of respect for human choice. All receive what they actually chose, either to be with God forever, worshipping him, or without God forever,



worshipping themselves. Those who are in hell will know not only that for their doings they deserve it but also that in their hearts they chose it."

J. I. Packer, Concise Theology, 262-63

Better to reign in hell than serve in Heaven.

John Milton, "Paradise Lost"

15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Matthew 7:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Matthew 7:15-17 (NIV)

¹³Enter through the narrow gate. ...

15 Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Matthew 7:13, 15-17 (NIV)

³³ This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NIV)

²¹ Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

²⁴ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

