

Jesus...In the Gospel of Luke

The Kingdom Values of Jesus!

Luke 6:20-26

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Bottom Line:

Jesus reminds us that what the world values is contrary to what God values. Believers are wise to intentionally recalibrate their personal values to align with God's.

Intro: The world says: "Blessed are the wealthy."

"Blessed are the materially successful."

"Blessed are the comfortable."

"Blessed are those who have plenty."

"Blessed are those everybody likes."

"Blessed are those who have achieved security."

But Jesus reveals what God says...

1. The way Jesus values things is totally contrary to the values of this world!

Luke 6:20-23; Matthew 5; Romans 12:1-2

Important heart attitudes:

Blessed...

"who are poor" v. 20 =
because you will avoid the temptation of trusting in your riches and not trusting in God.

"who are hungry" v. 21 =
because you will live each day in relying on God to meet your needs

"who weep now" v. 21 =
because you will realize that there is a greater joy and greater life waiting for us after this one.



2. The way the world values things is contrary to living a God-pleasing (God-centered) life!

Luke 6:24-26; Luke 12:16-21

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24 "But **woe to you who are rich**, for you have received your consolation.
25 "**Woe to you who are full now**, for you shall be hungry.
"**Woe to you who laugh now**, for you shall mourn and weep.
26 "**Woe to you, when all people speak well of you**, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Jesus is warning against this...
"I've got all the finances, food, fun, and 'fame' that I need. I'm doing absolutely fine without God!!"



Important Truth:

Jesus is teaching us that the Kingdom of God is a greater treasure than anything this world can offer. He is reminding us that focusing and/or loving the things of this world is a hindrance and stumbling block in coming to faith!

There will be moments when we have to say:

"I would rather obey Jesus than be liked."

"I would rather stand with Scripture than stand with the crowd."

"I would rather lose an opportunity than compromise my convictions." Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first..."

Conclusion:

World says:	Jesus says:
Get as much "stuff" as you can!	Seek first God's Kingdom
Make yourself comfortable	Follow Me
Avoid suffering at all costs	Take up your cross daily
Make everybody like you—"conform"	Live your life for an audience of one
Live for temporal "today's" values	Live for eternal values knowing life is short

