

INTRODUCTION

- * Last week, we considered Jesus' call of His Primary Messengers and began to consider the communication of His Primary Message. We considered that the overall theme of Jesus' teaching was for people to change the way they thought - from being worldly-focused to kingdom-focused; and from being self-focused to being other-focused. As we will see, the Kingdom mindset is unlike the mindset of the world
- * Lord willing, the message today and then two weeks from now will cover some of the exhortations, applications and implications of this primary message.
- * Today, we will be considering Contrasts, Commands, and Conclusions that Jesus presents based upon the Theme of this Primary Message. That theme is revealed throughout these verses.
 - THE THEME OF JESUS' MESSAGE ... If you do to others just as you would have them do to you, then your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High. For with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you!

INSTRUCTION

I. FOUR C _____ (v. 21-26)

A. Poor v. Rich

1. THIS IS P _____ (cf. Luke 14:13,21; 16:20,22; 18:22; 19:8 ... Luke 4:18; 7:22)
2. THIS IS C _____ (cf. Psalm 9:18; 12:5-7; 41:1-3; 72:2,4,13-14; 113:7)

B. Hunger v. Filled (cf. Romans 12:20; 1 Corinthians 4:11; Philippians 4:12-13; Revelation 7:16)

C. Weeping v. Laughing (cf. Matthew 2:18; 26:75; Luke 7:38; John 20:11-15)

D. Hated v. Liked

II. SEVEN C _____ (v. 27-35)

A. Love Your Enemies (cf. Romans 5:8)

B. Do Good to Those Who Hate You (cf. Luke 14:12-14)

C. Bless Those who Curse You (cf. Romans 12:14)

D. Pray for Those who Spitefully Use You (cf. Luke 23:24; Acts 7:60)

E. Offer the Other Cheek to Those who Strike You (cf. Luke 22:64)

F. Give to Everyone who Asks You (cf. 1 John 3:17-18)

G. Do Not Ask for Goods Back that Others Have Taken from You (cf. Deuteronomy 15:6-11)

III. FIVE C _____ (v. 36-38) ... Chuck will discuss these more in two weeks.

A. Be Merciful

D. Be Forgiving

B. Be Not Judgemental

E. Be Giving

C. Be Not Condemnatory

INTROSPECTION

- * Where are you in the "transformational" process?
- * Are you desirous of changing the way you think in order to prove/discern what is the perfect will of God?
- * Are you looking toward eternity as the ultimate reward, or are you clinging to the riches of this world?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we more effectively live with a kingdom mindset?
- * How can we encourage, and assist, one another to become more kingdom-minded?