

Contrasts



Jesus and a Politician:

- Both Jesus & a politician stand before crowds and give speeches
- Both Jesus & a politician want to win support and acceptance from the crowds
- Both Jesus & a politician want to be liked and popular

How is Jesus & a Politician DIFFERENT?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

A. As we wrap up the Sermon on the Mount, we want to reflect upon the shocking statements of Jesus

The Message of Jesus emphasized Four Key Components

1. Man is _____ to God
2. The _____ of the heart is as important as our actions
3. Faith and righteousness is demonstrated in how we _____ others
4. Our _____ determine the kind of person we will be

- Jesus did not let the multitudes _____ what lesson they would to hear
- Jesus did not allow the crowds to determine what was _____

There is a parallel concept for us:

- Feed the flock (1 Pet 5:2—"Shepherd" NAS)
- 2 Tim 4:3 they will find teachers that will teach what they want to hear
- Prov 27:23 know well the condition of your flocks



The Teacher Jesus

- Mt 15:12 The Pharisees were offended at His teaching
- Jn 6:60 "This is a difficult statement, who can listen to it"
- Matthew 19:10 "The disciples said to Him, 'If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry.'"

What makes these statements shocking:

- Not what was _____
- What these statements _____
- They go against human _____
- They had no _____ other than Jesus
- The _____ reality of these statements



Seven Shocking Statements:

1. Mt 5:44 Pray for those who _____ you

2. Mt 5:47 What do you do _____ than others

3. Mt 7:12 _____ people like you want them to _____ you

4. Mt 7:2 The way you _____, you will be _____

5. Mt 6:15 If you do not _____, God will not _____ you

6. Mt 7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the _____

7. Mt 5:30 If your right hand makes you _____, _____ and throw it from you

Think about:

- (1) What is involved with these statements?
- (2) What do you find difficult about these?
- (3) Is it easier to do these today than it was in the first century?
- (4) What do you think the audience would have thought of these statements?