

# Sierra's Weekly Message Action Plan



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Use the Message Action Plan below to help put the things you learned this weekend into practice. If you missed last weekend's message, [Click Here](#) to listen to it online.

### **"Why the Sermon on the Mount is so Tough to Live Out"**

*The King's Speech- Part 1 Matthew Chapters 5-7*

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Last Sunday we opened a new series overviewing Jesus' great speech traditionally known as the "*Sermon On the Mount*"

#### **1. The Sermon on the Mount shows the absolute necessity of being "Born Again" in Christ.**

It's standards are just too high and demanding to be met by human power. The standards go far beyond those of Moses in the law, demanding not only righteous actions but righteous attitudes-not just that mankind *do* right but that they *be* right. No part of Scripture more clearly shows man's desperate situation with God.

## **2. The Sermon intends to drive the listener to Jesus Christ as our only hope of meeting God's standard.**

If we cannot meet the divine standard we will need a supernatural power to enable us. The proper response to this Sermon leads us to Christ.  
(Matthew 5:17)

## **3. This sermon gives us God's pattern for happiness and for true success.**

Here we find the way of real joy, peace, and contentment. To live out the Sermon is to live out a life that is pleasing to God.

### ***How should we go about following this Sermon? I'm glad you asked!***

We all must come to Christ for not only the forgiveness of our sin, but to receive by faith the indwelling of God's Spirit, and a new gifted "*Divine Nature*".

**"I want to be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own based on my own moral efforts, but a righteousness that comes from God through faith in Christ." Philippians 3:9**

I believe what Jesus shares in Verses 1-12 of Chapter 5 (*The Beatitudes*) is the key for how we not only come to Christ, but how we learn to follow the Sermon's teachings that ultimately please God.

**3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

It means you come humbly to God and acknowledge that you're spiritually bankrupt. We cannot be filled until we admit we're empty; we cannot be made worthy until we acknowledge our unworthiness; we cannot live until we admit we're dead.

**4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

Spiritual poverty leads to godly sorrow; the poor in spirit become those that mourn. The scriptures declare that godly sorrow leads to repentance. We mourn over our sin, and we willingly chose to repent.

**5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

We surrender our power and chose to become dependent upon God alone in Christ. Meekness is not cowardice or lack of conviction. But it's courage strength, conviction, and it's gentleness comes from God. Jesus defended His Father's glory but He also gave himself as a sacrifice for others.

**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

In poverty of spirit we turn away from self-seeking; in mourning we turn away from self-satisfaction; in meekness we turn away from self-serving. The first three beatitudes are costly and painful this fourth beatitude is positive and a consequence of the other three. With new lives in Christ our attitude turns towards pleasing God.

**7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**

At the core of our lives is God's mercy for us, we naturally will desire to be merciful as well toward everyone we meet. The most obvious way to be merciful is through physical acts as did the Good Samaritan, but we must

remember mercy is at the heart of human reconciliation. Mercy heals relationships.

**8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Christ's purity becomes ours by faith, and God equips all who come to Him. Our part is to understand that it's impossible to stay in God's will apart from God's Word so we should actively read and study His Word. Engage in an ongoing dialogue with God (prayer) and listen for what God's Spirit is prompting you to do.

**9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.**

A peacemaker is one who has then made peace with God through Christ alone; a peacemaker leads others to make peace with God through Christ; a peacemaker makes peace with others; a peacemaker works to find a point of agreement—we contend without being contentious.

**10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Jesus tells us to expect push back for our faith. It will come in some cases physically, other times with verbal insults to our faces, and other times through speaking evil of us behind our backs, but whatever the case we will be rewarded for serving Christ.