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### **Today's Quote:**

"If divorce is due to human hard-heartedness, swearing is due to human untruthfulness. Both were permitted by the law; neither was commanded; neither should be necessary."  
John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

"Jesus expects of His followers the very things which others think cannot reasonably be expected of anybody. He calls us to renounce all those convenient restrictions we like to put on love (especially revenge and racialism) and instead to be all-embracing and constructive in our love, like God."  
John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

### **Upcoming Lessons:**

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Kingdom Righteousness  
*Before God*  
(Matthew 6:1-18)

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Kingdom Security  
(Matthew 6:19-34)

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Kingdom Relationships  
(Matthew 7:1-20)

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Kingdom Commitment  
(Matthew 7:21-29)

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# **The Sermon on the Mount**

## **Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (Matt. 5:17-48)**

### **I. Jesus' Approach to Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (5:17-20)**

#### **A. Jesus Came to *Fulfill* the Law**

1. He fulfilled it through His life.
2. He fulfilled it through His teaching.
3. He fulfilled it through His people.

#### **B. Jesus Calls Us to *Keep* the Law**

1. We must keep it completely.
2. We must keep it comprehensively.
3. We must keep it perfectly.

### **II. Jesus' Explanation of Kingdom Righteousness Before Man (5:21-48)**

#### **A. It is *Invisible***

1. Anger
2. Lust

#### **B. It is *Committed***

1. Divorce
2. Oaths

#### **C. It is *Gracious***

1. Retaliation
2. Enemies

### **Questions for Reflection**

1. Read Psalm 119. Does David's attitude towards the God's commands (and statutes, rules, laws, precepts, and words) reflect your attitude?
2. Which aspect of kingdom righteousness is the most difficult for you (invisible righteousness, committed righteousness, or gracious righteousness)? Why is that?
3. What is one specific habit, belief, or attitude that the Holy Spirit has convicted you today of that you want God to begin changing in you? Will you commit to pray about that daily in the coming week.