

Who is Blessed and Who is Good?

According to Jesus in His “Discourse on the Hill”:

A *blessed* person (one who is really well off) is a person who’s life is based upon acceptance and intimate interactions with what God is doing in human history.

A genuinely *good* person is one who, from the deepest levels of their understanding and motivation, are committed to promoting the good of everyone they deal with---including, of course, God and themselves. A *good* person overcomes evil with *good*! (He plays to an audience of one.)

****In Matthew 6 Jesus alerts us to the two main things that will block or hinder “blessedness” and “goodness” in our lives:***

- 1. The desire to have the approval of others, especially for being devout.***
- 2. The desire to secure ourselves by means of material wealth.***

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