

RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP (LESSON 33)

ATTITUDES OF RADICAL DISCIPLES (CONTINUED). The beatitudes are internalized attitudes of Christ that impel the radical disciple. They are formed in us as the written Word blends with Living Word to form the inward person. The truth is in us through Christ's abiding Spirit. Even when we are not conscious of His work, Jesus' attitudes are becoming our attitudes. The truth of God's Word becomes a part of our character as the Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us (John 16:14). When radical disciples encounter challenges in the world the attitudes of Christ we are enabled to overcome by faith. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Oswald Chambers discusses the inward dynamic between the Holy Spirit and the Word of God in forming the attitudes of Jesus in His disciples: "Every mind has two compartments – conscious and subconscious. We say that the things we hear and read slip away from memory; they do not really, they pass into the subconscious mind. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring back into the conscious mind the things that are stored in the subconscious...Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.' The point is – will I obey Him when He does bring it to my remembrance? ...There may be much of which you do not begin to grasp the meaning, but as you go on storing your mind with Bible truth, the Holy Spirit will bring back to your conscious mind the word you need and will apply it to you in your particular circumstances."