

## “No Man Ever Spoke Like This Man!”

### I. Introduction

A. Jesus’ teaching was perplexing to people of His time, as it is to many today. **John 7:46; Matthew 7:28-29; John 6:52**

### II. “This Poor Widow Gave More Than All...”

- A. An example of this principle is seen in what Jesus said about the poor widow of Mark 12. **Mark 12:41-44**
- B. God doesn’t merely measure our service by “counting” what’s visible on the surface. He reads our hearts. **1 Samuel 16:7**

### III. “It Is More Blessed to Give...”

- A. Something else Jesus said related to giving is that it’s more blessed to give than to receive. **Acts 20:35**
- B. Jesus exemplified this principle. His central focus was not what He could get for Himself from others, but what He could *give of Himself for* others. **2 Corinthians 8:9**

### IV. “He Who is Greatest...”

A. Jesus also taught astonishing things about greatness. While the world sees greatness in positions, power, prestige, and power, Jesus sees greatness in servitude. Even He, as our mighty King, became a servant. **Matthew 23:11; John 13:3-5, 13-15**

### V. “Unless You...Become as Little Children...”

A. In another teaching about greatness, Jesus instructed that we must “become as little children.” The humble, trusting, teachable attitude often exemplified in children is the attitude we all must have toward God. **Matthew 18:2-4; Hebrews 11:8**

### VI. “Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

- A. Another “perplexing” saying of Jesus is that the one who is poor in spirit is blessed. **Matthew 5:3**
- B. Being poor often refers to being destitute. This is how we are *spiritually* without God. **Luke 18:10-14**
- C. Though we must “work out our own salvation,” it is by God’s grace that we can be anything more than hopeless sinners doomed for condemnation. **1 Corinthians 15:10**

### VII. “Blessed Are Those Who Mourn”

- A. Jesus also taught that those who *mourn* are blessed. This can include having godly sorrow over sin. **Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10**
- B. Godly people might also mourn over persecution or loved ones rejecting the truth. God will “wipe away the tears” of those who obey Him. **Revelation 21:4**

### VIII. “Blessed Are the Meek”

- A. While the world tends to see meekness as weakness, Jesus taught that those who are meek are blessed. **Matthew 5:5**
- B. A rebellious, self-assertive spirit refuses God’s guidance, but a meek spirit allows God to mold us like clay into what He desires. **Acts 9:5-6; James 3:17**

### IX. “Blessed Are Those Who are Persecuted...”

- A. Jesus concluded the “beatitudes” by saying that those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake are blessed. **Matthew 5:10-12; Acts 5:41; Revelation 2:10**

### X. “Love Your Enemies...”

- A. While those *being* persecuted for His sake are blessed, Jesus said to pray for those *doing* the persecuting. This ties in with His instruction to love our enemies. **Matthew 5:43-44; Romans 12:17-21**