

## A Sound Teaching (Doctrinal Toleration) Look at the Sermon on the Mount



The first phrase of II Timothy 4:1 is so sad that we do not stop to think of how bad it is that most of the world, especially the church, "will not endure sound doctrine". Sound doctrine is the same thing as sound teachings, as the word doctrine in the Bible is the same as teaching, so if the world ceases to have a tolerance level for sound teachings, what kind of teachings do they tolerate since almost all in the world have to go through at least 12 years of school. Of course,

the obvious answer is teachings that do not offend and can not be considered religious, especially not the Bible.

But how about inside the churches, what are they heeding for teachings if not the sound teachings of Jesus and the Bible, and the answer is church administration, theology, social events, and feel good messages. Naturally a steady diet of such superficialities becomes tiresome to people so they either stay away from church or find a preacher that will tickle their ears with ego building and self-help itching ears teachings.

The key question is, how far have you and your community of friends gone in a lack of endurance for sound teachings, say let us start with Jesus teachings as a standard measurement on the barometer of sound toleration. Generally, the more recent generations starting after the classical, are so enamored with tolerance, toleration, and non-discrimination that the human mind has trouble comprehending what JUST A LACK OF TOLERANCE FOR The Sound teachings of Jesus and the Bible. It is called a silent almost unconscious rebellion against God that nobody chooses to talk about' of course it is sin against God the Creator and ruler of the universe, but what keeps it unconscious and silent to the individual is most generally an absorbing image of themselves. An image of themselves that they find ways and friends, even spouse, that will enhance.

If there is any hope to get out of this curse of intolerance, alias the silent and unconscientious rebelling against the ways and will of our Great God, then some standard like a banner must be held forth as an objective manner of comparison, and most would agree that the sound teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount would be an agreeable means of measurement. Rate yourself on the scale below as compared to these sound teachings of Jesus.

**“And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven...” (Matthew 5:1-3)**

- 1. Do you consider yourself among the blessed by Jesus and God by having a poor, humble spirit in the sight of God, and the parallel question do you consider that you HAVE the kingdom of heaven?**

If you have turned this question off in your mind, then don't, as you have definitely gone far among the group of people who “will not endure” or even listen to Sound doctrine and Sound Teachings. Does it turn you off just to listen again to those words of Jesus that “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”, as you know there is nothing good in anyway about being poor, poor, poor. It is a stench in the nostrils and a plague in any society of any generation. Middle class is the favorite word, but don't thump your Bible about the foolish blessings of Poverty. Or could it be you have gone far along the scale on intolerance toward sound teaching that you refuse to listen to anything about heaven, much less a kingdom of heaven. Of course then there are those that just want to argue, refusing intellectual honesty they reply to Jesus, “what really is the kingdom of heaven, and how can anybody know how to get into the kingdom of heaven?” or some suck divert from the sound teaching rationalization to continue in their intolerance toward sound doctrine. Then, of course, there are the intellectuals of the Scofield permission with their arguments out of hell that the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven are two different things, being carried away with theology and philosophy and their own agenda for a false two kingdoms, one in the millennium and one in eternity they will not allow the Bible to simply say what it is trying to say. They wrestle the words of Jesus that the religious leaders of His time who like Jesus said, “were teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

#### **Construction of the 4 point Outline**

**There are two parts to this first teaching by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, first the shock that poverty, any poverty albeit it a poverty of the human spirit is good; and the second is the follies of the Scofield followers that the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are two separate entities, thus causing them to create a non Bible word (never found in the Bible Itself) of millennium.**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven...” (Matthew 5:1-3)**

- I. We must consider what Jesus meant by blessed are the poor in spirit, and then we must consider how in current times such a teaching of Jesus has become intolerant to most ears, or at least uncomfortable.**
- II. The lie of two kingdoms, the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God.**

**NOTE: Since the last verses of the Sermon on the Mount are in Matthew 7:28,29, we must consider at some point something general about the teachings of Jesus, why the people were so astonished, and what really is the authority of Jesus that His teachings should be heeded**

far and above those of our schools, nations, and even our churches. This can be called  
**WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS TODAY?**

**“And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (Matthew 7:28,29)**

And above all it must be made clear that when and if any person with his own protected image of himself wants to quarrel with such sound teachers, his quarrel is with Jesus, the Son of God, Himself and not with any preacher or disciple that is faithful to the Word of God.

**III. WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY OF THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS TODAY and what is your quarrel with Matthew 5:1-3?**

There is one other point from Matthew 5:1-3, that is when Jesus was seated “His disciples came to Him”, so that gives us the three main points of the outline

**IV. Do you see Jesus seated at the right hand of God the Father on the throne of heaven making intercession for your sins, and are you willing to acknowledge that you are a DISCIPLE that will learn sound doctrine at the feet of Jesus?**

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**-----The Message for Today-----**

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**1. The best I have ever heard and read other than Jesus Himself on the Sermon on the Mount was the pastor of George Bush and family at the Second Methodist Church of Houston, Dr. Charles Allen, and in his book called “God’s Psychiatry”.**