

Living Right-side Up In An Upside-Down World



Studies in
the
Sermon
on
the
Mount

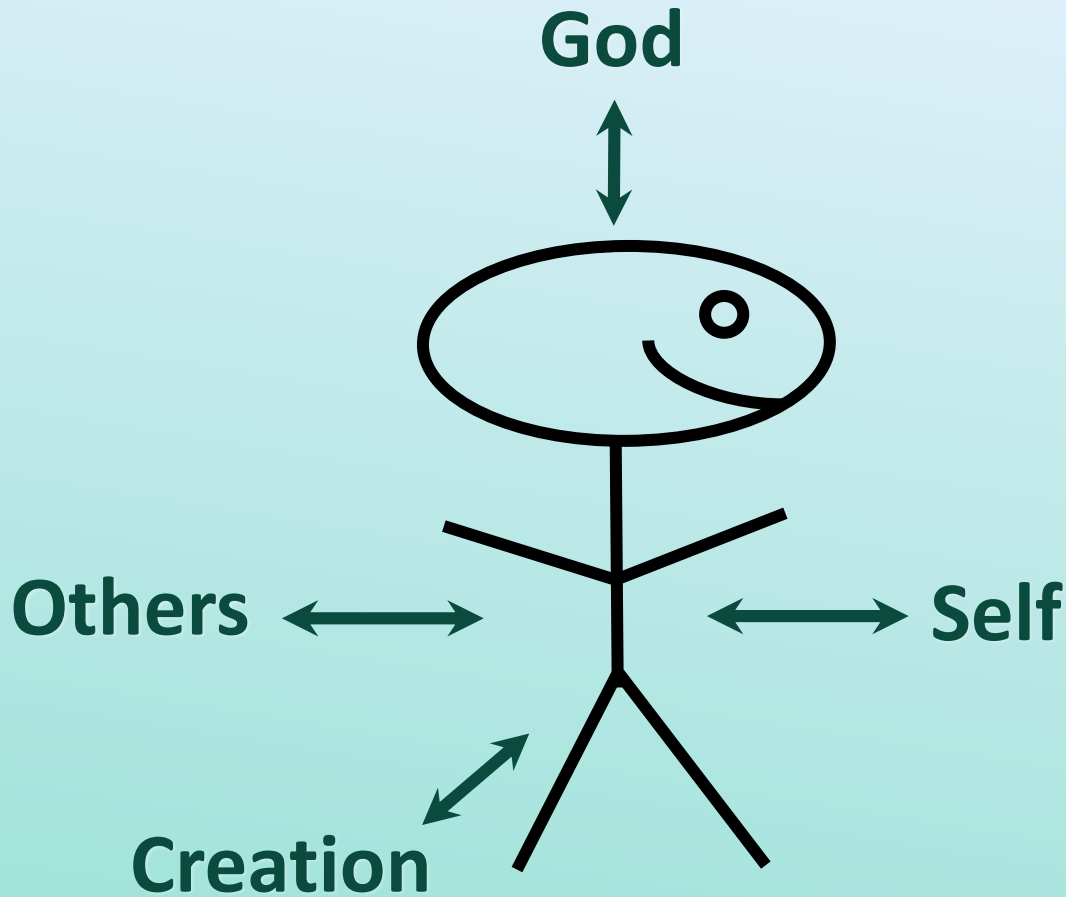
What is this sermon?

- Description not legislation
- Description of life in the kingdom
- Description of consequences of attaching oneself to Jesus
- Good News!

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What is the main theme?

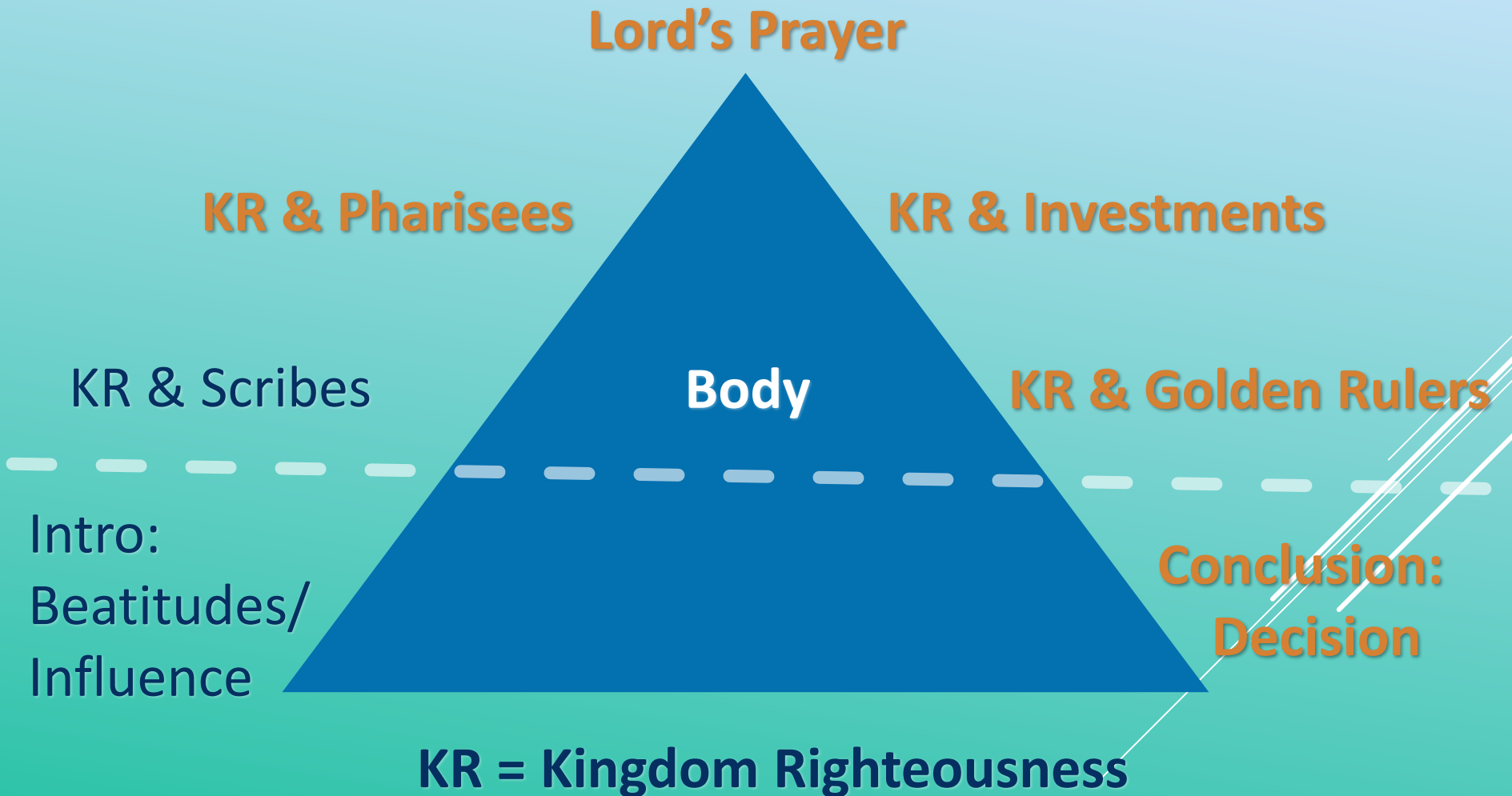
- Righteousness



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Where are we in the Sermon?



The Spiritual Disciplines

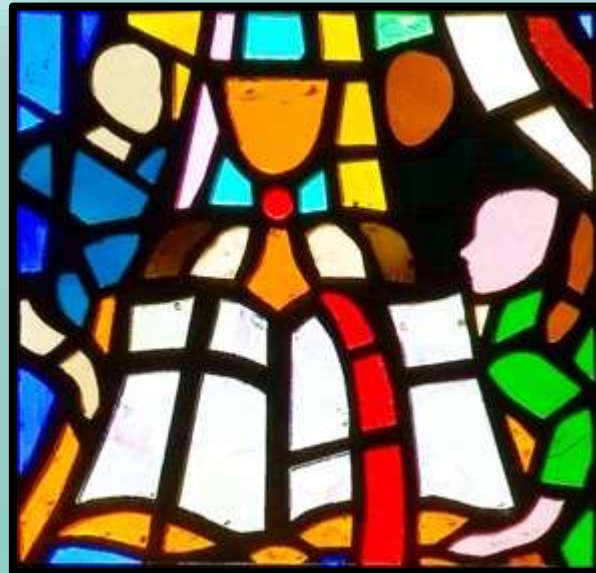
- Kingdom righteousness = authenticity
- Pharisaic righteousness = white-washed tombs (Matt 23:27-28)



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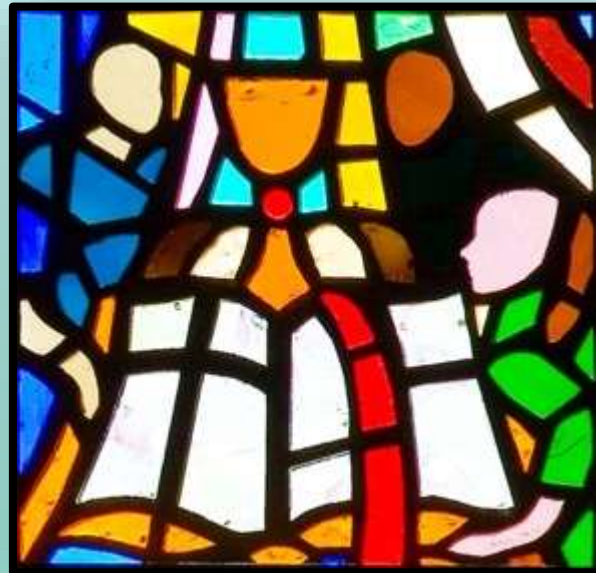
- Examples: Giving, praying, fasting, Bible-reading, church-going, service, solitude, confession, etc.
- For the sake of love (not law)



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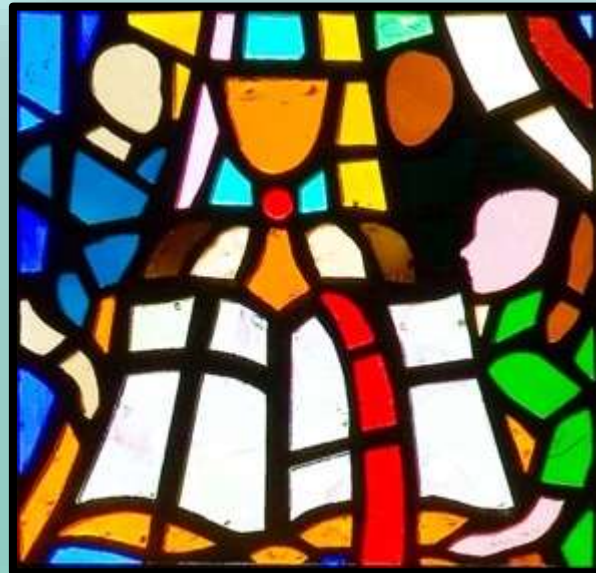


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2. V 5-6: Praying
3. V 16-18: Fasting



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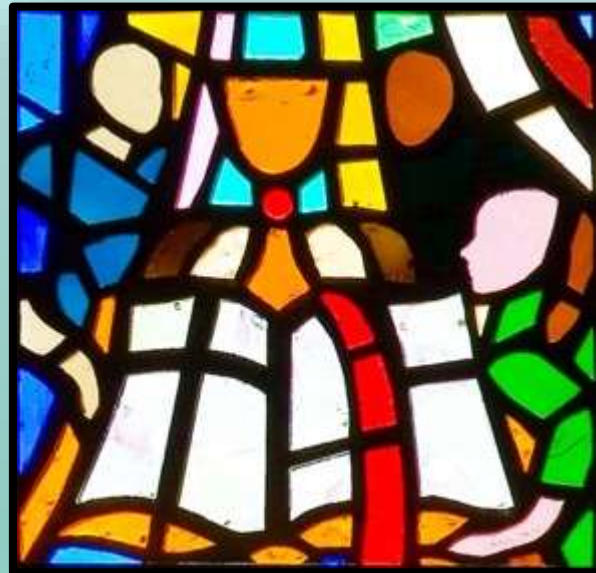
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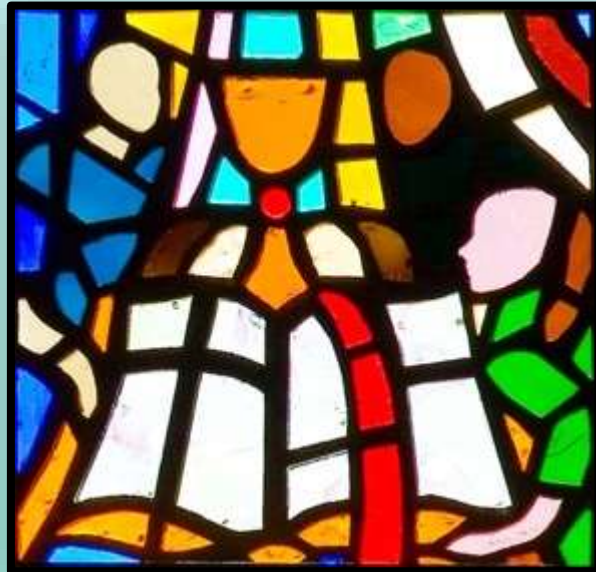
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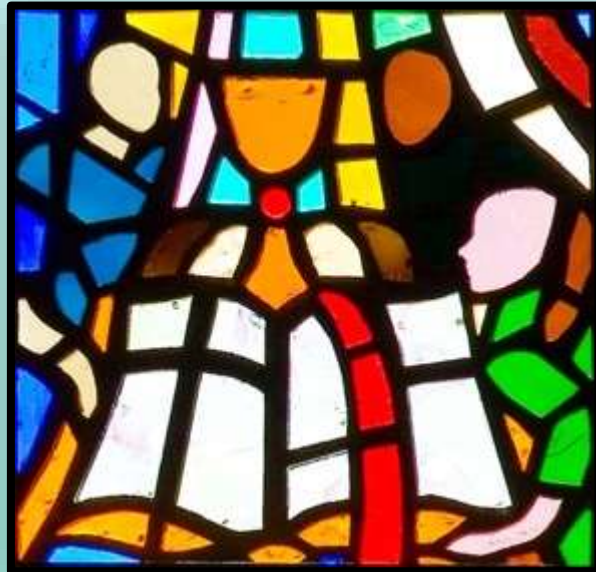
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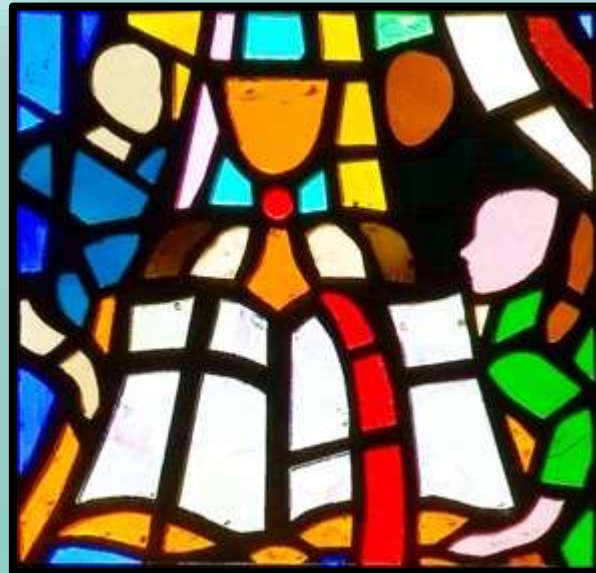
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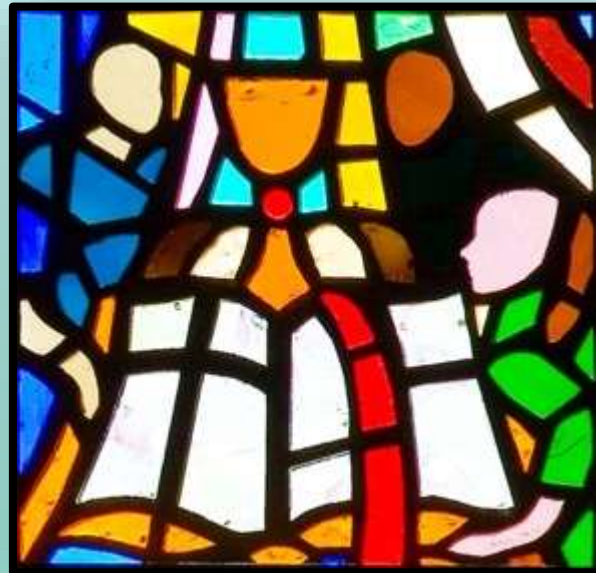
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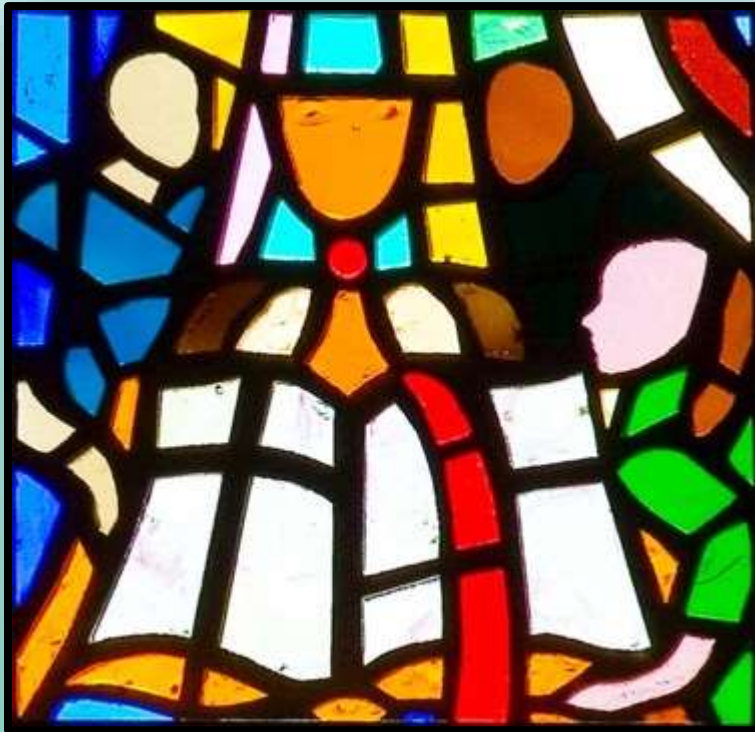
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The Implications

1. Just give
2. Just pray
3. Just fast



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