

## "Christian Hedonism"

### Not a Zero-Sum Game

#### One Message - Two Perspectives

Luke 6:17-49 and Matthew 5-7 record the same teaching and follow the same general outline:

- The **BEATITUDES**
- The New Ethic of **LOVE**
- The **PARABLES**
  - Two Fruit Trees
  - Two Builders

#### Blessings of the Kingdom

1. The Gracious **OFFER** of Blessing
2. The Surprising **FORMULA** of Blessing
  - a. It comes through **DESPERATION** - not accomplishment.  
*"Blessed are those who are poor for theirs is the kingdom of God" (v. 20b)*  
*"Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation" (v. 24)*
  - b. It comes through **LONGING** - not satisfaction.  
*"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied" (v. 21a)*  
*"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry" (v. 25a)*
  - c. It comes through **SORROW** - not levity.  
*"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh" (v. 21b)*  
*"Woe to you laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep" (v. 25b)*
  - d. It comes through **REJECTION** - not popularity.  
*"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man" (v. 22)*  
*"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you..." (v. 26)*
3. The Pointed **PICTURE** of Blessing
  - a. The **PROPHETS**
  - b. The **FALSE** Teachers