

# Attitudes and Actions of the Christian

## Introduction

1. On Jesus' sermon on the mount He begins by letting man know what one's attitude must be in order to be pleasing to God.  
**Matthew 5:1-9**
2. These attitudes are needed for the individual that wants to truly be a Christian today.
  - A. The steps of salvation are needed to be obeyed in order to become a Christian but then when one is determined to follow Christ, being completely converted to Christ, then there are actions that one must do to please Him.

## Positive Actions of the Christian

Recognizing and practicing the following positive actions, a Christian will not only grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, but will also be a positive influence for others to follow.

1. A Christian must recognize his need for God.  
**Matthew 5:3**
2. A Christian must recognize his sinful condition.  
**Matthew 5:4**
3. A Christian must be willing to humble himself before God and his fellow man.  
**Matthew 5:5**
4. A Christian must desire to learn.  
**Matthew 5:6**

5. **A Christian must value, receive, and practice mercy in his life.**  
**Matthew 5:7**
6. **A Christian must strive for purity of motive.**  
**Matthew 5:8**
7. **A Christian must join God in His work of saving souls.**  
**Matthew 5:9**

### **Negative Actions of the Christian**

**In the remaining portion of the sermon on the mount Jesus warns us against those things which will erode these basic attitudes and actions.**

1. **An unwillingness to suffer persecution for Christ.**  
**Matthew 5:10-16**
2. **A lack of respect for divine law.**  
**Matthew 5:17-48**
3. **Hypocrisy.**  
**Matthew 6:1-18**
4. **Worldliness (desire for riches or undue anxiety about the future).**  
**Matthew 6:19-34**
5. **Unjust judging (hypocritical judging).**  
**Matthew 7:1-6**
6. **Giving up.**  
**Matthew 7:7-12**
7. **A desire to find an easy way, or an unwillingness to confine oneself to Christ's way.**  
**Matthew 7:13-14**

**8. False teaching/teachers.**  
**Matthew 7:15-23**

**Conclusion**

**1. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus revealed what it takes to be a Christian and warns us of some of the dangers we will face as Christians.**

**A. As Christians, let us be reminded of what we are all about.**

**2. Do you have the attitudes accompanied with the actions that are necessary to become and be a Christian?**

**3. Are you willing to do what Jesus wants you to do to become a Christian?**

**A. Plan of Salvation + Live Faithful!**

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