

## Born to Be Effective!

Listen to the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ to the poor, the disheartened, the ones who were convinced by their religious leaders that they were **inferior** and ineffective and without hope!

Matthew 5 - 7 must be some of the most significantly powerful messages from Jesus Christ to a downtrodden majority who needed desperately to hear and see the liberating power of the Messiah!

These had completely accepted their lives as "apparently ineffective" and without a ray of hope that there could possibly be any hope for change at all!

**Suddenly** ...here's a man who preached from the same scriptures as their leaders, never reduced the potency of the entire Law in the scriptures, dealt with every heart issue and outward sin in such a way that they could see, feel, hear and touch ...in living sound and colour of a "real man" ...man as God had created man to be! Could this be the **reality** of "manhood" (gender inclusive!?) Wow!

Suddenly they became aware that **what this man said and did was true** as He **not only told them but "did it"!**

*He demonstrated reality ...not just preached!*

They had settled for being the low class with no potential! That's what their leaders had convinced them of! After all, they were born into the wrong family line; wrong social class; streamed into the mix of countless other peasants who also would never have the reality of a Heavenly Kingdom experience ...since they were all poor and ineffective!

However... this man Jesus told them things such as:

**They are the salt of the earth... They are the light of the world...**

**They are blessed when reviled... They are blessed when evil spoken of...**

**They are blessed when hungry and thirsty for what is "of God" and when they're tired and even worn out from mediocrity and striving to climb above it!**

**They're going to *inherit* the earth if they're *gentle***

**They're told to dissolve the barriers. They themselves would need to take responsibility:**

**Don't get angry with those who abuse you.**

**Don't claim your rights from those who treat you harshly.**

**Don't let hate continue ...against those who are against you!**

**Get right with every person you know has a "something against you"!**

**Take top safety precautions against every temptation in your heart!**

**Be trustworthy in word; dependable in commitment; faithful in all ways!**

**Be genuine in praying, giving and fasting.**

**Be trusting in God as One Who loves you and will never fail you!**

Be prepared to "**get your light out there**" where it can be clearly seen and heard so that the watching, very observant world will SEE your GOOD WORKS and give the praise and honour to Him Who gives you what it takes to be "like Him"!