

# The Gospel and Morality

## Matthew 5:17-20

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People often try to find fulfillment in life by grasping at what the world has to offer. We will not win those people to Christ by confronting them. We have to recognize they are living the way they do because they are blinded, bound, and in the dark.

So how can we reconcile the joy of the gospel with the call to discipleship? *Love*. The Christian faith becomes convincing when it's demonstrated, not when it's demanded. When we approach people based on love, we spread the power of the gospel. Jesus calls us to live morally consistent and joyously vibrant lives. Make your home and church inviting places. Show you care for your neighborhood, your city, and your nation by trying to help people. We need to bring people to Jesus, not control the system. You cannot disciple darkened minds. Jesus brought people first into life and then into discipleship.