

I give my greeting and my homage. For in all this universe of planets and stars and far-radiating infinite distances, nothing surpasses the grandeur of an honest man, an honest woman.—*Watts' Literary Guide.*

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## A NEW SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

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It seems to me, viewing the actual condition of things in the Christian world, that there should be a radical revision of the Beatitudes and various other maxims and precepts contained in the Sermon on the Mount. If I should venture to put in form a popular appreciation of what constitutes the highest duty of man as illustrated in the daily conduct of most Christian people, the text would run something as follows :

Blessed are the rich, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed is the man who gets ahead of his neighbor, for he shall dwell in comfort,

Blessed are they who attend fashionable churches, for they shall have comfortable seats and short sermons.

Blessed is the preacher who is able to secure a rich congregation, for his salary shall be large and his family shall enjoy the luxuries of life.

Blessed is the woman who marries a rich husband, for she shall wear jewels and ornaments and shall be clad in fine raiment.

Blessed is the man of whom all men speak well and who is boomed in the public press, for verily he shall hold high office and enjoy the good things of the world.

Blessed is the man who agrees with every person, for he shall enjoy the favor of his fellow men and pass his time peaceably and happily.

Blessed is the man who never rebukes what is wrong or vexes his soul with reform, for he shall be highly esteemed and have no enemies.

Blessed is the man who can successfully impose on the credulity of his fellow men, because thereby he shall secure great rewards.

Blessed is the merchant who can out-wit his fellow trader, for he shall thereby heap up great riches.

Blessed is the man who can shut his eyes to the evils and wrongs which surround him, for he shall thereby secure his soul in peace and be saved from great vexation of spirit.

Blessed is the politician who can successfully befool the people, for verily he shall hold high office and have much applause of men.