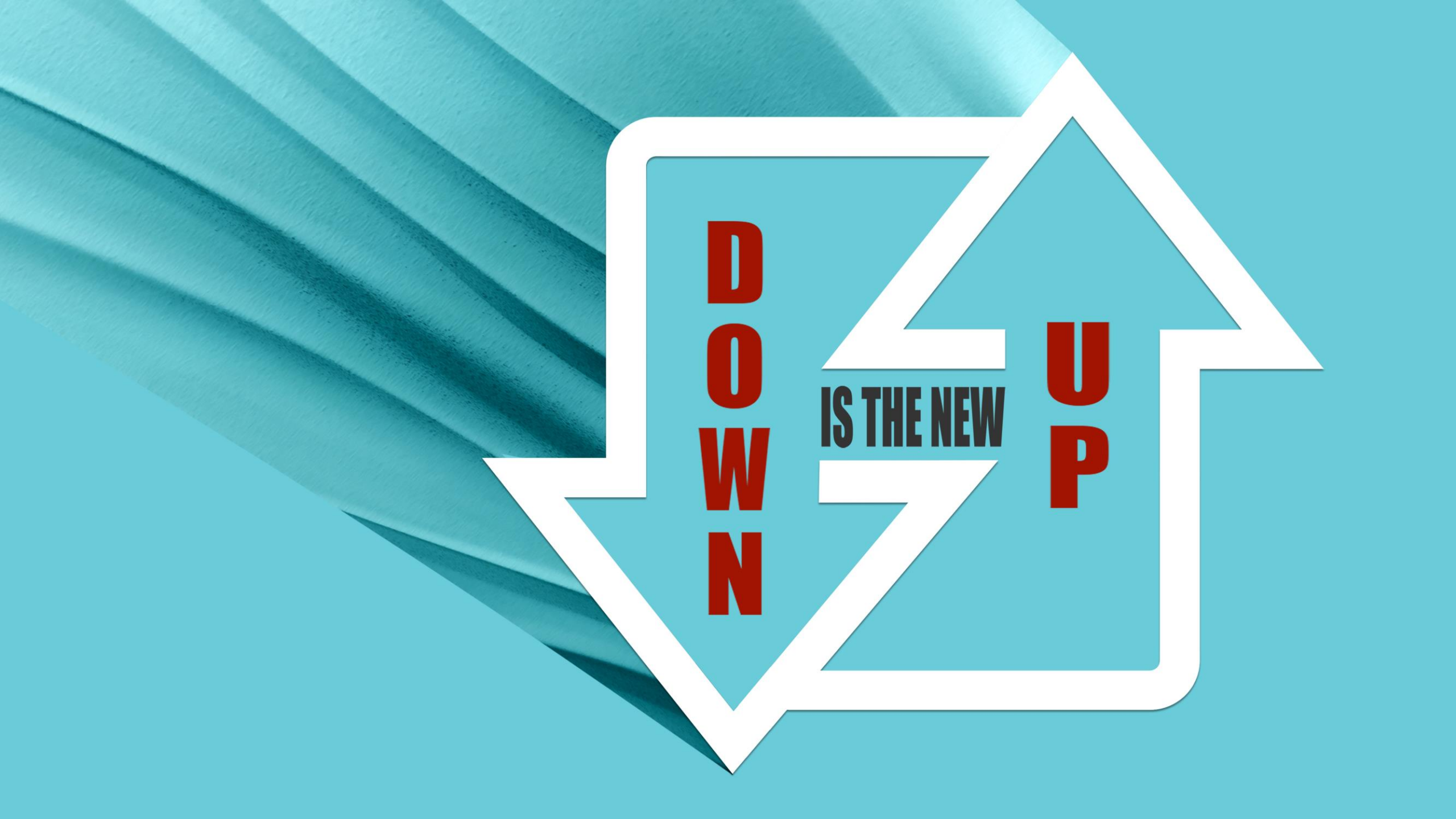


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MATTHEW 5:1-2

- ¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:



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MATTHEW 5:3-5

- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.



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MATTHEW 5:6-8

- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



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MATTHEW 5:9-12

- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



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THREE KINDS OF “RIGHTEOUSNESS”



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THREE KINDS OF “RIGHTEOUSNESS”

1. legal righteousness



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2. personal righteousness
3. social righteousness



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“Social righteousness, as we learn from the law and the prophets, is concerned with seeking man’s liberation from oppression, together with the promotion of civil rights, justice in the law courts, integrity in business dealings and honour in home and family affairs. Thus Christians are committed to hunger for righteousness in the whole human community as something pleasing to a righteous God.”

—John Stott



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MATTHEW 5:20

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”



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“As long as ‘righteousness’ is understood in terms of literal obedience to rules and regulations, it would be hard to find anyone who attempted it more rigorously and more consistently than the scribes and Pharisees Jesus is not talking about beating the scribes and Pharisees at their own game, but about a different level or concept of righteousness altogether.”

—R. T. France



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“For all their scrupulous observance of OT (and other) regulations, the scribes and Pharisees are seen as still standing outside the kingdom of heaven Those who are to belong to God’s new realm must move beyond literal observance of rules, however good and scriptural, to a new consciousness of what it means to please God, one which penetrates beneath the surface level of rules to be obeyed to a more radical openness to knowing and doing the underlying will of ‘your Father in heaven.’”

—R. T. France

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“Those who can do no more than simply keep the rules, however conscientiously, haven’t even started as far as the kingdom of heaven is concerned.”

—R. T. France



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MATTHEW 5:48

“You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.”



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“The Beatitudes focus on the virtues of the inner person as opposed to outward behaviors. Poverty of spirit, mournfulness, meekness, hunger and thirst for righteousness, mercy and peacefulness, even joy in the midst of persecution—these are whole-person virtues for which external obedience can never serve as a substitute.”

—Jonathan Pennington



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MATTHEW 6:1

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”



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JOHN 4:33-34

So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”



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MATTHEW 4:1-4

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”



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LUKE 6:25

“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.”



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“There is perhaps no greater secret of progress in Christian living than a healthy, hearty spiritual appetite.”

—John Stott



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5. Identify spiritual hunger-killers.



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6. Begin righting wrongs in your life.



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6. Begin righting wrongs in your life.
7. Crucify favoritism and seek out the lowly.
8. Break your own rules.



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MATTHEW 14:20

And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.



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2. A united family (Malachi 3:16–18)
3. A lasting legacy (Psalm 112:6)



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