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Impractical Idealism?

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.”
(Matthew 5:6)**

Columnist Sidney J. Harris wrote about the negative effects of impractical idealism. He described an author who had so much to give in books, but so little to offer in real life. When Harris first read this writer’s works, he thought they were “like a breath of fresh air in a fetid chamber.... He was big on Humanity, with a capital H, on family ties and folk-ways and children and animals and flowers.” But, as Harris laments it was not an idealism borne out in the author’s life. At home the man was a tyrant and terror. He had an unrealistic ideal of what others should be.

We struggle every day to keep a proper balance between what is ideal and what is real. We talk the good walk, but somehow we have difficulty putting it into practice. We desperately want to do what delights each of our hearts, but we fall short in implementation.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), the Lord Jesus teaches us to combine idealism with realism. He shows us how to have the proper balance so we don’t get so wrapped up in the everyday circumstances of life that we lose vision of what life can be.

If we follow Jesus’ examples, we will hold on to His values and desires for our lives as well as keep in touch with the real world. Read the Scriptures to make sure your Christian walk is as fulfilling as possible. AMEN.

Today’s Action

- Hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Prayer

Father God, fill my heart with Your goodness and righteousness. AMEN.

~ Bob Barnes

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

