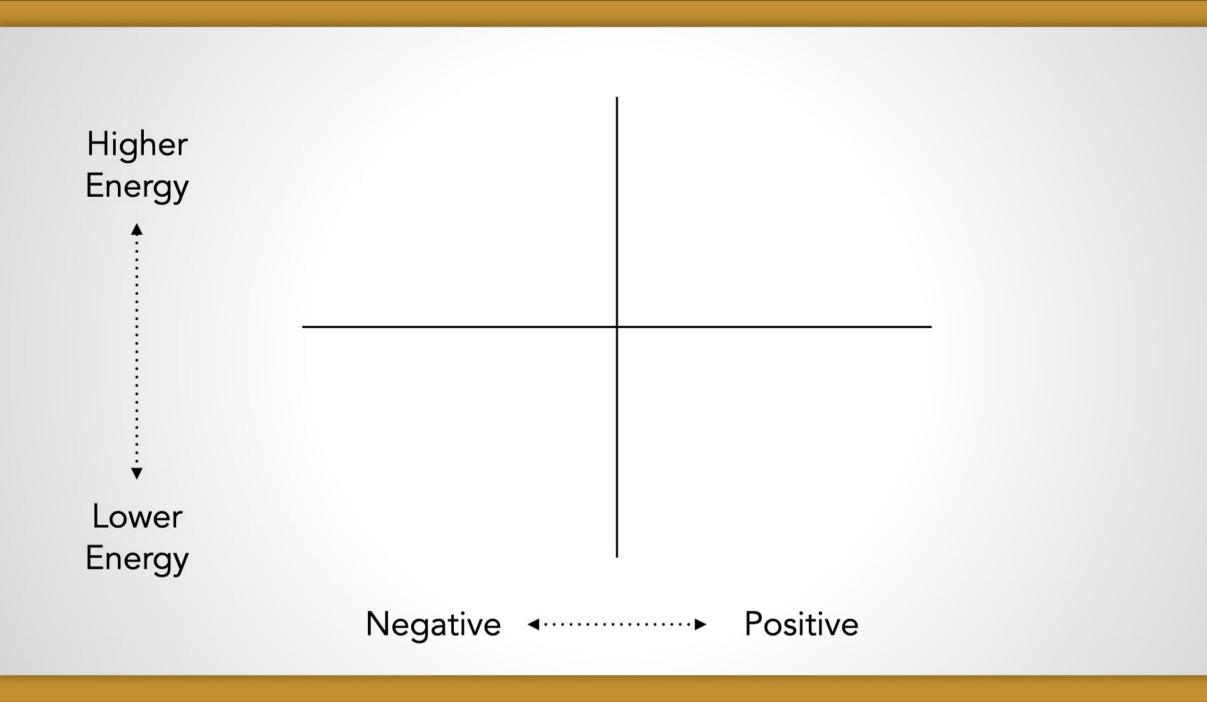


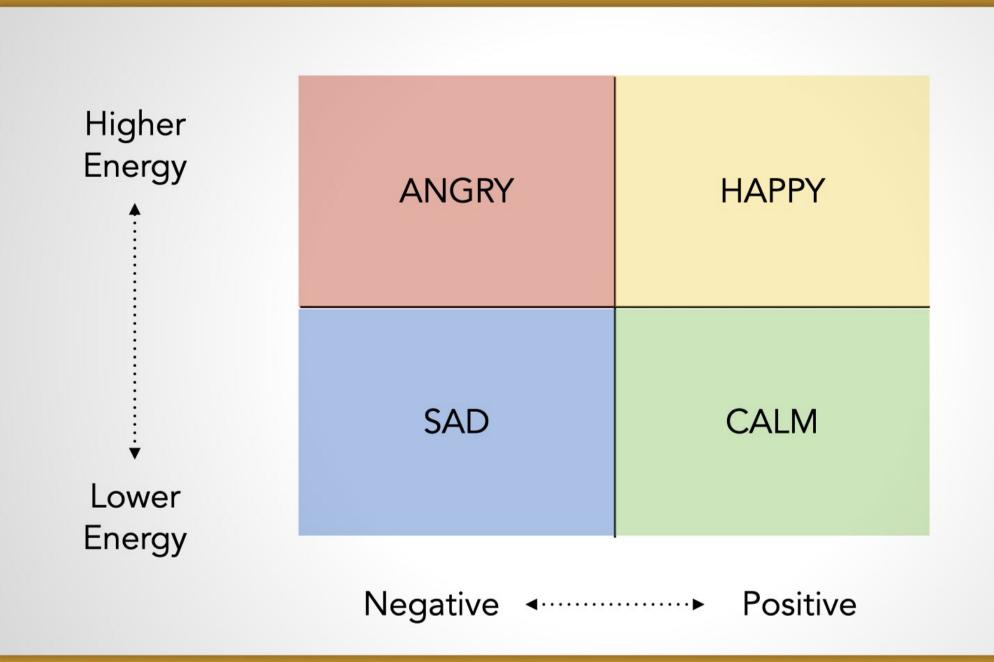
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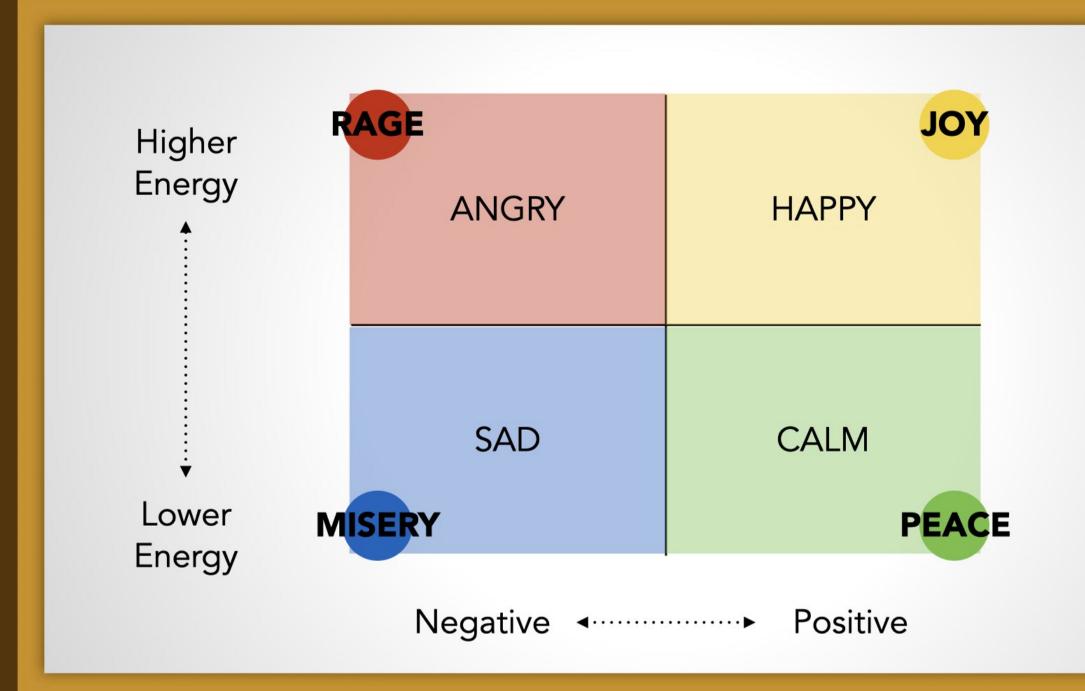
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Full of Covetousness (Matthew 5:6; 23:16-22)







MATTHEW 5:6

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

MATTHEW 23:16-22

¹⁶ "Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gold of the temple is bound by that oath.' ¹⁷ You blind fools! Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?

MATTHEW 23:16-22

¹⁸ You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but anyone who swears by the gift on the altar is bound by that oath.' ¹⁹ You blind men! Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?

MATTHEW 23:16-22

²⁰ Therefore, anyone who swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. 21 And anyone who swears by the temple swears by it and by the one who dwells in it. 22 And anyone who swears by heaven swears by God's throne and by the one who sits on it.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Reward Scripture Posture Kingdom of Matthew Poor in Spirit 5:3 Heaven Matthew Those who Comfort 5:4 Mourn Matthew Will inherit The Meek 5:5 the Earth They will Hungry for Matthew Righteousness be Filled 5:6

SERMON OF SEVEN WOES

| Scripture | Action | Consequence |
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| Matthew 23:13 | Keep people from the Kingdom | Will not Enter the Kingdom |
| Matthew 23:14 | Scamming the most vulnerable | Greater Condemnation |
| Matthew 23:15 | Successfully recruiting followers | They are "twice the sons of Hell" |
| Matthew 23:16-22 | Intentionally complicating God's words | "Blind" to God's Power |

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MATTHEW 5:33-37

33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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- 1. Overcomplicating God's Instructions
- 2. Misinterpreting God's Intentions
- 3. Inverting God's Values



FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT OBSCURE, COMPLICATED, OR ESOTERIC. FOLLOWING JESUS IS SIMPLE... EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

WORSHIP — give Jesus your praise and devotion

DISCIPLESHIP — obey the instruction of God in a community of faith

STEWARDSHIP — use every gift God has given you to glorify the Lord

LEADERSHIP — be a representative of God's Kingdom to those around you

