## Box 5.7

## Sayings of Jesus: Some Examples

Wisdom sayings provide insight into how life really works:

- "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34).
- "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand" (Mark 3:24).

Prophetic sayings proclaim the activity or judgment of God:

"The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15).

Eschatological sayings reflect the view that the future is of primary importance:

• "The Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done" (Matt. 16:27).

Legal sayings interpret God's will:

- "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12).
- "I" sayings are autobiographical:
  - "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners" (Mark 2:17).
  - "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).