

The Kind of People Who Change the World

Matthew 5:1-16

³Blessed are the **poor in spirit**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6:20, 24; 18:9-14; Romans 7:18; 1 Timothy 1:15; Revelation 3:17

⁴Blessed are those who **mourn**,
for they will be comforted.

Psalms 34:18; 119:136; Isaiah 53:3; 61:1-3; Luke 6:21, 25; James 4:9-10

⁵Blessed are the **meek**,
for they will inherit the earth.

Numbers 12:3; Psalm 37:1-11; Matthew 11:29; 1 Peter 2:23; 3:4

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

Psalm 119:20; Luke 6:21, 25; Galatians 5:5; 2 Peter 3:13

⁷Blessed are the **merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 6:14-15; 7:1-2; 18:21-35; Luke 10:30-37; James 2:13

⁸Blessed are the **pure in heart**,
for they will see God.

Psalm 24:3-5; 51:10; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 15:19; 23:25-26

⁹Blessed are the **peacemakers**,
for they will be called children of God.

Romans 12:18; 14:19; Colossians 1:20; Hebrews 12:14; James 3:17-18

¹⁰Blessed are those who are **persecuted because of righteousness**,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:11-12, 44; Luke 6:22, 26; John 15:18-20; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14

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Verses 13-16; 1 Peter 2:12



Transformed by the Truth

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 5:1-2. If you had been there when Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, do you think you would have been in the inner circle of “disciples” or part of the “crowd”? Why?
2. Give yourself a grade (A-F) on your resemblance to each of the character qualities Jesus praises in Matthew 5:3-9:
_____ Poor in spirit.
_____ One who mourns.
_____ Meek.
_____ Longing for righteousness.
_____ Merciful.
_____ Pure in heart.
_____ Peacemaker.

Which of these “beatitudes” pops off the page at you? Why? What is Jesus saying to you personally through this verse?

3. Read Matthew 5:10-12 and Luke 6:26. In what ways have you been “persecuted because of righteousness”? In what ways have you avoided the possibility of persecution?
4. Read Matthew 5:13-16. Which statement is more convicting to you: “You are the salt of the earth” or “You are the light of the world”? Why?
5. How can you get close to non-Christians without being negatively influenced by them? Who do you think God has been nudging you to get closer to?