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"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:5-12 (NIV)

Now when He saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:1-4 (NIV)

1. Dependence on _____

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven."

Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

2. Comforted By _____

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

Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

3. Walk With His _____

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

"An intentional reliance upon God to accomplish His _____

and His _____ in His _____."

William Barclay

Biblical Examples:

4. Live In His _____

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

Matthew 5:6(NIV)

"Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them."

Matthew 5:6 (NCV)

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV)

5. Display God's _____

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

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

"Mercy" =

Why?

1. Receive _____ Mercy (Matthew 6:14-15)
2. Receive _____ Mercy (Matthew 7:2)
3. Produces _____ (Matthew 5:7)

6. Have proper _____

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

“pure” =

“Your Father can see what is done in secret, and He will reward you.”

Matthew 6:4 (NCV)

7. Have a _____ to produce _____

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Christians have the privilege of:

- a. Peace _____ God (Romans 5:1)
- b. Peace _____ God (Phil. 4:7)
- c. Peace _____ God (2 John 1:3)

Note:

All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (NIV)

8. Stand up for _____

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.”

Matthew 5:10 (NIV)

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:14 (NIV)

9. Endures _____

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.”

Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

- Publically _____ — “people insult you”
- Personally _____ — “persecute you”
- Falsely _____ — “falsely say evil against you”

Note:

If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

1 Peter 4:15-16 (NIV)

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in Heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:12 (NIV)

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