

Matthew 5:3 (NLT) ³God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:4 (NLT) ⁴God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5 (NLT) ⁵God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT) ⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Matthew 5:6 (NLT) ⁶God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

Matthew 5:7 (NLT) ⁷God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:8 (NLT) ⁸God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) ⁹The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT) ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Matthew 5:9 (NLT) ⁹God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:10-12 (NLT) ¹⁰God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹²Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

What do you need to do in response to today's message?

For more information about what it means to become a follower of Christ or what to do after you make a decision to follow Jesus, speak to one of the pastors or elders following the service today (they can be found by the prayer room in the church lobby) or contact the church office at 717-762-7147 to set up an appointment. You may also request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey on our website:

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Jesus' 8 Keys to a Blessed Life:

1) God blesses those who are poor and realize their _____
_____. (Matthew 5:3)

I can't, but God can!

2) God blesses those who _____. (Matthew 5:4)

God not only wants us to acknowledge our sinfulness, He wants us to express sorrow and repentance.

3) God blesses those who are _____. (Matthew 5:5)
• See Philippians 2:5-8

4) God blesses those who _____
for justice (righteousness). (Matthew 5:6)

God wants us to have a passion and craving for the things that are important to Him.

5) God blesses those who are _____. (Matthew 5:7)

Mercy is not treating people like they deserve to be treated.

6) God blesses those whose hearts are _____.
• See Matthew 5:8, Jeremiah 17:9, and Psalm 139:23-24

7) God blesses those who work for _____
(Matthew 5:9)

8) God blesses those who are _____
for doing right. (Matthew 5:10-12)