Beatitudes

Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5: 1 - 12
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

• Poor in spirit means:
  • Knowing that we need God in all things
  • Knowing that God is above all and that we are sinners
  • To be humble and not full of pride
  • Being meek - not trying to get one’s own way
  • Being gentle
  • Not boastful of your accomplishments or your talents
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted

• **Mourning** means:
  • Enduring or suffering through all the evil in the world
  • Regretting the sins we commit
  • Not wanting others to suffer
  • Consoling those going through a hard time
  • Allow someone their full range of emotions – they can be sad, happy, afraid, etc.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

• Being meek means:
  • Doing the will of God
  • Self-control
  • Not reacting negatively in the face of adversity
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- To hunger and thirst means:
  - To want justice
  - To try to live virtuously
  - To try to live a holy life
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy

- To be merciful means:
  - To be loving towards others
  - To be forgiving (trespasses in “Our Father”)
  - Pray for others
  - Help the poor get the basic needs of life
    - Food, clothing, shelter
  - Visit a sick or elderly person
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

• Being pure of heart means:
  • To not be self-seeking or full of selfish desires
  • To do something for another without hope for repayment
  • To want the best for others
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

- **Peacemakers:**
  - Try to bring about a just world
  - Speak to the one with no friends
  - Do God’s work
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

• Those who are persecuted:
  • Continue to follow Christ/God even while being made fun of by others for:
    » going to Church,
    » wearing a cross,
    » being nice to others,
    » participating in social justice events etc.
  • Willing to die for their beliefs
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