

Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7

Beatitudes: 8 Spiritual Graces & Rewards (incentive) of Pursuing them (5:3-12)

This is a list of the things Heaven Values. (foundation: expanded upon)

We can choose to do or pursue all of these.

Poverty of Spirit: Humility through complete Dependence on God releases the Manifestation of the **Kingdom of Heaven**. (confidence, not in selves, but Him ~ Jn 15:5)

(Isa 66:2) But on this one will I look (2 Chr 16:9): on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

(Jas 4:6) God resists the proud, but gives grace (empowerment) to the humble.

Mourning: Mourning over sin (injustice) by partnering with Jesus in Intercession brings the **Comfort** of Intimacy with Him.

(1Co 5:1-2) It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

(2Co 12:20-21) ²⁰For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults; ²¹lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

Moses: intercedes for Israel (Num 14), Korah (Num 16)

Partnership Intercession: us in Christ in heavenly places Interceding

(Rom 8:34, Eph 1:20, 2:6, Heb 7:25)

Meekness (Gentleness): Preferring others before yourself demonstrates that you can be trusted with Authority (**Inherit Earth**).

(Phl 2:3) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

(Mt 23:11) But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Parable of Talents (Lk 19) – reward for faithfulness is authority (Cities)

Desire Righteousness: Pursue Righteousness and your natural Needs will be **Satisfied**.

(Ps 37:25) I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.

(Mt 6:33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Merciful: The Merciful receive **Mercy** from God.

(2Sa 22:26) With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful

(Jas 2:13) For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Purity of Heart: Inner Purity (Thoughts/Intentions) increases your ability to **See God**.

(Ps 24:3-6) ³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face.

(Jas 4:8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

(Heb 12:14) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Peacemaker: Peacemakers are **Sons of God** (like Him).

(Ro 14:17-19) for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

context: foods and holidays

(Jas 3:13-18) Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

family business: Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6), Peace on Earth (Lk 2:14),

ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18)

Enduring Persecution: Enduring Persecution *for righteousness* proves your Worthiness of the **Kingdom of Heaven** and brings **Great Heavenly Reward**. (value highly enough to sacrifice)

for righteousness = living beatitudes

(Mt 10:38) And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

(Jn 15:20) Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.

(2Ti 3:12) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

Parable of Sower (Mt 13) – fell away when persecuted because of Word

primarily Reviling, Slander

Rejoicing in Persecution: (Acts 5:41, 16:24-25, Col 1:24, 1 Pe 4:12-14)

1 Great Consequence of Living Out the 8 Graces (5:13-16)

Salt of the Earth (Preserve), Light of the World (Enlighten),

Good Works: living the 8 Graces Displays His Kingdom

even in the face of Persecution

The 8 Graces Fulfill the Law (5:17-20)

(Mt 22:37-40) ³⁷Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ ³⁸“This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

all 8 Graces fall under one of these two categories

Moving them from Law Mindset (actions) to Grace Mindset (heart intentions)

Law is Righteous, but can't make Perfect (Heaven's Standard) ~ Rom 7, Gal 3

Fulfilled the Law by Satisfying (2 Cor 5:21)

(Ro 8:3-4) ³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Exceeded the Law by raising Standard back to Perfection (vs 20, 48)

vs 19 ~ Imputed and Applied Righteousness (walk in Spirit)

Right Actions vs Right Heart (8 Graces)

5 Enemies of the 8 Graces we must War Against (5:21-47)

Anger (5:21-26)

Murder (action) to Anger (heart)

relationships with brothers as important as relationship with God

relationship with adversary falls under 8 Graces also

Sexual Immorality (5:27-32)

Adultery (action) to Lust (heart)

don't even slightly entertain lust (Rom 13:14)

divorce (Mt 19:3-9, Mal 2:14-16)

Religious Posturing/Performance vs Integrity (5:33-37)

Demand for Justice vs Love/Generosity (5:38-42)

Mercy (5th Grace)

Conditional Love (5:43-47)

sons of your Father = Peacemaker (7th Grace)

1 Standard – Perfection (5:48)

5 Spiritual Disciplines that Build the 8 Graces (6:1-24) ~ all in Humility

1. Serving (6:1-4)
2. Prayer (6:5-13) – parable of unforgiving servant (Mt 18)
3. Forgiveness (6:14-15)
4. Fasting (6:16-18)
5. Giving (6:19-24)

1 Great Enemy Opposing the 5 Spiritual Disciplines (6:25-34) - Anxiety

Remedy: Seek Kingdom/Righteousness, not the things He promises to add

7 Rules for Life (7:1-27)

1. Don't Judge, Do Discern (7:1-6)
2. Live by Faith (7:7-11)
3. Follow the Golden Rule (7:12)
4. Discipline Your Life (7:13-14)
5. Be Careful Who You Follow (7:15-20) – Test by Fruit
6. Know & Obey Jesus (7:21-23)
7. Follow His Word (7:24-27)