

How to Be Blessed

Luke 6:12-26

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¹² One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. ¹³ When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: ¹⁴

Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. ¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. ²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.



Big Truth:

Acts 5:41 (NIV)

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

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Discussion Questions

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1. What's the difference between being 'blessed' and being 'cursed' (also hearing 'woe to you')? Why are the blessings spoken of by Jesus in verses 20-23 a paradox (opposite of what is commonly accepted as being blessed)?

2. **Read Luke 6:20-21.** How can the words 'poor, hunger, & weep' be used to refer to both physical & spiritual status? How did today's **BIG TRUTH** (Blessed: Living on Earth with Eternity in Mind) help clarify what it means to be blessed beyond health, provision, & protection on earth?

3. **Read Luke 6:22-23, 26, & Acts 5:41.** After reading these passages, what would you say to the 'Christian' who chooses to avoid all possibility of conflict, because they don't want others to think they are judgmental? Should we expect that being truthful & kind will always result in kind response? Explain your answer.

4. What most impacted you from today's study? What questions, concerns, or insights do you need to study further?

- * Pray that God would give us Divine appointments for **Love LOUD - Day of Service coming April 6.**