

The Paradoxical Good Life *(part 2)*

Matthew 5:7-10

“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.’”

“Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

Matt. 21:42-44 (NIV)

‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’”

“Blessed are the **merciful**,
for they will be shown mercy.”

Matt. 5:7 (NIV)

The video played at this point in the sermon may be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYsMlKCa9EQ&feature=youtu.be>

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

Matt. 5:8 (NIV)

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

Matt. 5:9 (NIV)

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

Matt. 5:10 (NIV)

“While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, ‘Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.’

He replied to him, ‘Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?’

Pointing to his disciples, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.’”

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn

‘a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
a man’s enemies will be the members of his
own household.’”

“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Blessed are the...

v3 Poor in Spirit... theirs Kingdom of Heaven

v4 Mourn... comforted

v5 Meek... inherit the earth

v6 Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness... filled

v7 Merciful... shown mercy

v8 Pure in Heart... see God

v9 Peacemakers... children of God

v10 Persecuted ... theirs Kingdom of Heaven