

# WHAT BUILDS BLESSING

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**Matthew 5:7-9** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

### I. THREE THINGS THAT CAN BUILD THE BLESSING OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE

#### 1. *Mercy*

**Matthew 5:7** Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

- Mercy is not getting what you deserve.
- Mercy is not easy.
- Mercy is active.

**Micah 6:8** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

- Mercy is an investment.

#### 2. *Purity*

**Matthew 5:8** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

- The heart is the internal core of a person.
- A pure heart is clean before God.

**Psalms 24:3-6** Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

- Purity begins with the internal, not the external.

- The pure in heart will see God for now and forever.

**Revelation 22:3-4** No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

### **3. Peace**

**Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

- Peace is a constant theme of scripture.
- When peace is threatened, God's children are peacemakers.

**Psalms 34:12-14** Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**Romans 12:18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Hebrews 12:14** Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

- When you make peace, you are like your Heavenly Father.