

8 Questions: Am I...?

Sermon on the Mount Series – Matthew 5:1–12

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Based on the Beatitudes, these are eight questions every believer should ask daily.

Introduction

Matthew 5:1-2

Jesus had compassion on the multitudes, but only His disciples drew near enough to learn from Him.

The question is not, "Did I hear Jesus?"

The question is, "Am I close enough to follow Him?"

1. Am I Poor in Spirit?

Matthew 5:3

Poor in spirit means recognizing my spiritual bankruptcy apart from Christ.

Evidence:

- I know I need Jesus.
- I depend on the Holy Spirit.
- I place God first, others second, and myself last.

Key Thought:

You must see your need before you can receive His life.

Notes:

2. Do I Mourn?

Matthew 5:4

When God's Spirit reveals my sin, my heart should be broken over it.

Evidence:

- Genuine repentance.

- Humility before God.
- Turning from sin toward Christ.

Key Thought:

Brokenness over sin produces comfort from God.

Notes:

3. Am I Meek?

Matthew 5:5

Meekness is not weakness.

Meekness is:

- Gentle
- Humble
- Yielded to God's will
- Not easily provoked
- Willing to forbear

Key Thought:

Humility recognizes who I am before Christ. Meekness reveals Christ through me to others.

Notes:

4. Do I Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness?

Matthew 5:6

Just as physical hunger drives us to food, spiritual hunger should drive us to God.

Evidence:

- Desire for God's Word
- Desire for prayer

- Sensitivity to conviction
- Pursuit of spiritual growth

Key Thought:

If I want to be filled, I must pursue the One who satisfies.

Notes:

5. Am I Merciful?

Matthew 5:7

Those who have received mercy should show mercy.

Evidence:

- Forgiveness
- Patience
- Compassion
- Grace toward others

Key Thought:

Mercy received should become mercy given.

Notes:

6. Am I Pure in Heart?

Matthew 5:8

Purity begins on the inside.

Evidence:

- A heart focused on Christ
- A mind filled with godly things
- A desire for holiness

Key Thought:

What fills the heart eventually directs the life.

Notes:

7. Am I a Peacemaker?**Matthew 5:9**

A peacemaker helps others find peace with God.

Evidence:

- Sharing the Gospel
- Pointing others to Christ
- Seeking reconciliation

Key Thought:

Peacemakers do more than solve conflicts—they introduce people to Jesus.

Notes:

8. Am I Being Persecuted?**Matthew 5:10-12**

Following Christ will bring opposition.

Remember:

- Persecution is not punishment.
- Persecution is evidence of identification with Christ.
- God uses trials for His glory and our growth.

Key Thought:

The Christian life is not always easy, but Christ walks through every trial with us.

Notes:

Daily Heart Check

- Am I Poor in Spirit?
- Do I Mourn?
- Am I Meek?
- Do I Hunger & Thirst?
- Am I Merciful?
- Am I Pure in Heart?
- Am I a Peacemaker?
- Am I Being Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake?

Memory Verse

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (KJV)