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- Poor in spirit
- > Mourn
- > Meek
- > Hunger and thirst for righteousness
- > Merciful
- > Pure in heart
- > Peacemakers

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

Matthew 5:10 (NIV)

# Don't confuse hard times and trials with persecution.

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I know that growing closer to Jesus will bring

# What does that look like for you?



"If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first.

John 15:18 (NLT)

The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world.

John 15:19 (NLT)

I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

John 15:19 (NLT)

Do you remember what I told you?

John 15:20 (NLT)

'A slave is not greater than the master.'

John 15:20 (NLT)

Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.

John 15:20 (NLT)

They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me.

John 15:21 (NLT)

They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them. But now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 15:22 (NLT)

Anyone who hates me also hates my Father.

John 15:23 (NLT)

If I hadn't done such miraculous signs among them that no one else could do, they would not be guilty. But as it is, they have seen everything I did, yet they still hate me and my Father.

John 15:24 (NLT)

This fulfills what is written in their Scriptures: 'They hated me without cause.'

John 15:25 (NLT)

But I will send you the Advocate - the Spirit of Truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me.

John 15:26 (NLT)

And you must also testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry."

John 15:27 (NLT)



# Change Your Perspective

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8 (NLT)

Put in the Work

Do not waste your time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly.

1 Timothy 4:7 - 8 (NLT)

Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.

1 Timothy 4:7 - 8 (NLT)

# Absorb the Hits

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (NIV)

### Trust Your Team

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now...

Hebrews 10:24 - 25 (NLT)

#### Learn to Rest in Him

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

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On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said,

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it."

