

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATT 5-7 THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

1. The Poor in Spirit

Because: *Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Luke 1:52 "He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed."

Attitude

Matt 5:1-12

You cannot control the direction or the strength of the wind, but you can change the set of your sail.

2. Those Who Mourn

Because: *They shall be comforted.*

Matt 26:75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Attitude
determines

altitude
and outweighs
aptitude.

What you *think*
> what you *are*
> what you *do.*

3. The Meek

Because: *They shall inherit the earth.*

Ps 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; it leads only to evildoing. 9 For evildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will inherit the land. 10 Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there. 11 But the humble will inherit the land And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

4. Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Because: *They shall be satisfied.*

Matt 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

7. The Peacemakers

Because: *They shall be called sons of God.*

Matt 5:23 "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

5. The Merciful

Because: *They shall receive mercy.*

Luke 10:33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him."

8. The Persecuted

Because: *Theirs is the Kingdom of God. Your reward in heaven is great. So they persecuted the prophets.*

1 Pet 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ... 16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

6. The Pure in Heart

Because: *They shall see God.*

2 Cor 7:1 So, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The Flip Side

Luke 6:24 "But woe to you who are **rich**, for you are receiving your comfort in full. **25** Woe to you who are **well-fed** now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who **laugh** now, for you shall mourn and weep. **26** Woe to you **when all men speak well of you**, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way."