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Life In Christ – Christlike Characteristics

**Matthew 5:1-12**

**Introduction:**

- The words of Jesus in Matthew 5. Help us understand that the way of Blessing (happiness), comes not through doing, but being.
- Blessedness is found not in what we have, but in what we are.
- This blessedness belongs to every Christian.

**1. He is Poor in Spirit (v.3).**

- Not spiritually poor, because through the poverty of Christ he is made rich. The humble spirit is indwelt by the God of grace and glory.
- Isaiah 57: 15.

**2. He Mourns (v. 4).**

- Not for fear of missing the Kingdom, but over everything that hinders His greater growth into the image of Christ; over the sins of others; over the enemies of the cross.

**3. He is Meek (v. 5).**

- He would not be like his master if he was not meek and lowly.
- Matthew 11: 29.
- Matthew 11: 39.

**4. He Hungers and Thirsts (v. 6)**

- Not after the pleasures of sin and worldliness, but after righteousness. Righteousness unto God.
- These cravings are the natural desires of the new man.

**5. He is Merciful (v. 7).**

- He delights to show mercy because he himself has had great mercy showed toward him.
- As Christ prayed for His enemies, so does he.

**6. He is Pure in Heart (v. 8).**

- His heart is right with God.
- His heart is wholly yielded up to God's holy will.
- He delights in all that is pleasing to God.

**7. He Makes Peace (v. 9).**

- He loves peace because he has the peace of God ruling in his heart.
- He seeks to make peace by beseeching men to be reconciled to God.

**8. He Suffers Persecution (v. 10-11)**

- If any man will live godly, he must suffer persecution.
- The Puritans: He who suffers, conquers.