

Be Happy, Show Mercy

Matthew 5:7

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

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

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

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

I. The Happy Kingdom Citizen

A. Entrance into Kingdom Citizenship.

1. Happiness of Spiritual Poverty - Faith in Another's spiritual wealth (v. 3).
2. Happiness of Repentant Mourning - Calling for Another's spiritual rescue (v. 4).

B. Traits of Kingdom Citizens.

1. Requirement: Gentle / Result: Have Everything (v. 5 "Happy are the humble").
2. Righteous Seekers / Happy Ending: Satisfaction (v. 6 "Happy are the hungry").
3. Merciful / Happy Ending: Receive Mercy (v. 7 "Be happy; show mercy").

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

❖ A required activity.

➤ What is the ultimate condition?

➤ What is the required action?

- Consider a definition of mercy.

- Consider an illustration of mercy:

- Consider an application to mercy:

❖ A happy result - _____

➤ True on a _____ and _____ level.

➤ True on an _____ level.

4. Pure / See God (v. 8).

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

5. Peacemakers / Family of God (v. 9).

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

C. Resistance to Kingdom Citizenship (vv. 10-12).