



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Matthew 5:1–6

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

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

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”



Matthew 4:25

And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.



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Deuteronomy 18:15

“God will raise up for you a prophet like me... it is to him you shall listen...”



Four Surprising Indicators of Spiritual Life



Psalm 1:1–3

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked... ² but his delight is in the law of the LORD... ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.



1. A broken spirit (5:3)

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Psalm 51:16–17: ¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.



1. A broken spirit (5:3)

It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly
until He has hurt him deeply.

— A. W. Tozer



1. A broken spirit (5:3)

- 8:1–4: a leper
- 8:5–13: a paralyzed servant
- 8:14–17: a mother-in-law bedridden with fever
- 8:28–34: two demonized men living among tombs
- 9:1–8: a paralyzed man carried to Jesus
- 9:9–19: a father with a dead daughter
- 9:20–23: a woman hemorrhaging blood for 12 years
- 9:27–31: two blind men begging for healing
- 9:32–34: a mute demonized man



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John 15:4–5: ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.



2. A grieving heart (5:4)

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Isaiah 61:1–2: ¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor... to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives... ² to comfort all who mourn...



2. A grieving heart (5:4)

2 Corinthians 7:10: For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.



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“God will comfort now in part and fully in the future.”

— Craig Blomberg



3. A gentle strength (5:5)

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Psalm 37:3, 9–11, 22: ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good... ⁹ those who wait for the LORD shall *inherit the land*... 11 the meek shall *inherit the land*... ²² Those blessed by the LORD shall *inherit the land*... ²⁹ The righteous shall *inherit the land*... ³⁴ Wait for the LORD and keep his way... to *inherit the land*...



4. A hungry soul (5:6)

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”



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Ecclesiastes 7:20: Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Romans 3:10: “None is righteous, no, not one.”

1 John 1:8: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...



4. A hungry soul (5:6)

“There is perhaps no greater secret of progress in Christian living than a healthy, hearty spiritual appetite.”

— John Stott



4. A hungry soul (5:6)

Matthew 14:20: And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.



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