



THE GOSPEL OF  
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## Matthew 5:1–6

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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



## Matthew 5:7–12

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- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



# Surprising Indicators of Spiritual Life



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**James 2:13:** For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.



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**Matthew 18:32–33:** <sup>32</sup> “I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”





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“The Christian faith is not something on the surface of a man’s life, it is not merely a kind of coating or veneer.”

— Martyn Lloyd-Jones



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Psalm 86:11: ...unite my heart to fear your name.



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**2 Timothy 2:21:** So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.





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**John 14:9:** “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”



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**James 4:1:** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?



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desire → demand → need →  
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— Paul Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*



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- 8) Righteousness and peace are twin pillars in God's world.



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**Isaiah 9:6:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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**Isaiah 2:4:** He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not take up the sword against nation, and they will never again train for war.





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