

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-16: The Characteristics of a Spiritually Mature Person

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1. BLESSED can be translated as “happy” or “joy-filled” or “approved by God.”
Rob’s combo. Definition: *blessed* - the **well-being** and **spiritual joy** of those who share in God’s kingdom-life.
2. The “poor in spirit” are those who **cast themselves completely on God’s grace.**
3. Meekness is “power under God’s control.”
4. Happy are those who have an appetite for right relationships – with God and with the people around them.
5. “How much commitment do I have to integrity, when I might be able to get away with a small lie? Do I refuse to let my opinion of someone be shaped by gossip, no matter how juicy? To what extent are the things that I say and do accurate reflections of what is in my heart?”
6. Summary: The characteristics of a spiritually mature person are: humility, meekness, right relationships, mercy, pure heartedness, peacemaking, and getting flak for doing and saying the right things.