

# The Way to Be Blessed

(Part 1)

***“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:3-12)***

All mankind liked and delighted to be blessed. And as you read the message you are among those who want to be blessed. So tell me what is your opinion about the way to be blessed and how would you attain it? This is the question that we are going to speak, discuss and answer in this message. People will carry different views about the way to be blessed. Some they would think about money; to have more of it is the way to be blessed. Some they would think to be famous and well known then they are blessed. Some they will put power and influence as the parameter for them to be blessed in life.

The Lord Jesus Christ put the real parameter of how to be blessed in this life; how to ensure eternity and live with God forever. Jesus the Son of The Blessed One, demonstrated and lived the blessed way of life. Jesus came down from heaven; He gave His life for us to save us from sin and death. In humility and full submission He offered himself to God on the cross for our sins, Therefore, ***“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” (Hebrews 9:14)*** Jesus died on the cross, He was buried, then rose from the death to give eternal life, to us and to everyone who believe in Him and follow His step in life.

***1- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven:*** To be poor in spirit yours is the kingdom of God. Notice to be poor in spirit, not to be arrogant in spirit. To be humble, is not to answer back, or have fighting spirit or a person with a quarrelsome behaviour. Money, prestige, profession and other worldly gains may tempt you to be arrogant, but be in self control because you may loose the kingdom that God had promised to the humble, those who are poor in spirit. People will loose balance when they become rich, their money drive them mad. But everyone should remember that God’s Kingdom is for the humble.

***2- Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted:*** Included here those in trials, hardships and difficulties. Trials could be God’s way to bless us. In trials there will be correction, rebuke, discipline and guidance. In trials God develop Christ’s characters like patience, perseverance, faithfulness and self-control. Trials are God’s ways for us to cleanse us and purify us from sins and all unrighteousness.

***3- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth:*** The meek are those who wait for God to come and bless them. They are the remnants who obey God, who fear Him and walk in His ways. The meek are not those who want to grasp everything including the worldly things. Those who want all they will miss all. The meek are not those who wanted things to happen in their own time but in God’s time. The meek they trust God and they wait upon the LORD, as the Word of God encourage us, ***“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!” (Isaiah 30:18)*** Many they run to grasp the opportunity; but the more they run the more they are far away. So blessed is not for those who run after the blessings but for those who wait upon God and trust their lives faithfully and loyally into His hands. It is like finishing our problems in man’s way; therefore one problem will hatch more eggs of troubles. But the meek will allow God to solve their troubles in His own ways and will and in His perfect time.

***4- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled:*** God wants us to have hunger and thirstiness for His righteousness to be proclaimed and fulfilled. So we will be blessed if we have thirstiness toward the things of God and not that of the world or that which feed our ambitions, our own desires, plans and will. God will fill us and satisfy us if we want to be filled with His will and His plans for us. We will be in thirstiness and want if we continue to go after our own will and desires. It is a sin to have our own ambition, because selfish ambition is the work of the flesh. These include as well going to other countries and plan to gain some other things thinking this will give good future to us, God’s blessings is not in such ways. But let us believe and follow what Jesus taught us, ***“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)***

***5- Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy:*** We will be shown mercy if we are going to show mercy. ***“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (Luke 6:31)*** We will be blessed with mercy and favour from God and from the people around us if we treat others in good way and show mercy in attitude and actions toward them. ***“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” (1 John 3:16-18)*** And that is true, certain time when we help and relief others we find God is relieving us as well. We will be shown mercy as we practice that with others.

***My Dear and Beloved: “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)*** The world has its own ways to bless but we have the true blessings from God as we obey His Word, and follow His ways. We need to think and do those things that please and honor God as we agree to pray.

***My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord cleanses me from these sins \_\_\_\_\_ . O Lord gives me more humility and renews my mind to understand your will and be blessed by you as I continue to walk in your ways. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.***