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### The Blessed Life

<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 will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **Matthew 5:3-12 (NRSV)**

The blessed life is one that...

- Doesn't always look \_\_\_\_\_
- Chooses to be \_\_\_\_\_

God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. **Colossians 3:12 (CEV)**

- Sees others faults and responds with \_\_\_\_\_

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. **Matthew 7:12 (NLT)**

- Faces \_\_\_\_\_ and responds with righteousness

<sup>14</sup> Even if you have to suffer for doing good things, God will bless you. So stop being afraid and don't worry about what people might do. <sup>15</sup> Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life. **1 Peter 3:14-15a (CEV)**

- Will receive a great \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>32</sup> Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. <sup>34</sup> You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever. <sup>35</sup> So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! <sup>36</sup> Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

**Hebrews 10:32-36 (NLT)**

Once you were less than nothing; now you are God's own. Once you knew very little of God's kindness; now your very lives have been changed by it. **1 Peter 2:10 (TLB)**

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 7:12
- Pray the beatitudes asking God to help your life reflect this pattern of right living.
- Ask God to reveal any area where my life is out of sorts and I am missing the blessings that he has for me.
- Respond to God's invitation to know Him by receiving His Son, Jesus, into my life as my Savior and Lord.