

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends or your group.



### For Discussion:

1. Have you found peace with God, peace with yourself, and peace with others?
2. How might your life change if you would truly forgive those who have hurt you?
3. Who is God asking you to initiate a peacemaking process with?

*“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 — Matt. 5:11-12*

**#4** *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*  
— Matt. 5:6

**#3** *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*  
— Matt. 5:5

**#2** *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*  
— Matt. 5:4

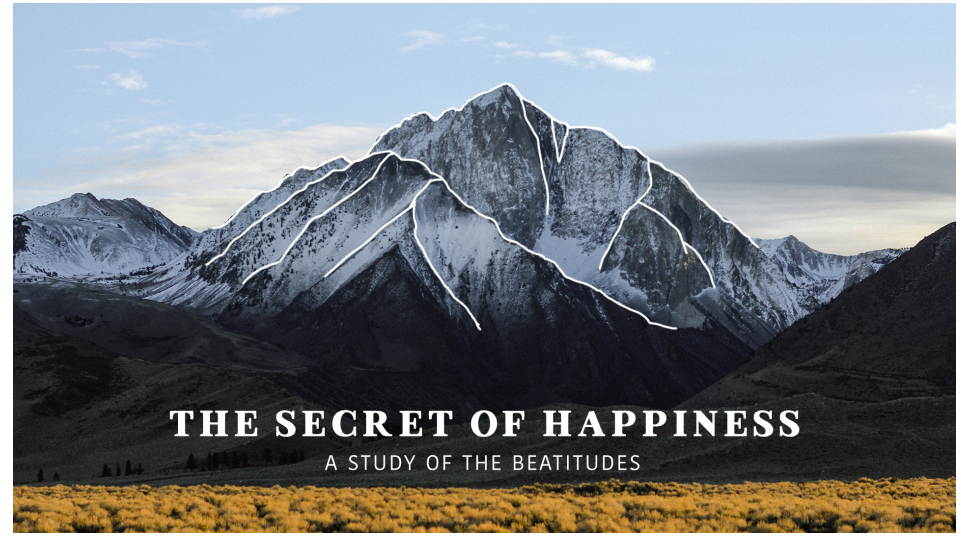
**#1** *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
— Matt. 5:3

**#8** *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*  
— Matt. 5:10

**#7** *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*  
— Matt. 5:9

**#6** *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*  
— Matt. 5:8

**#5** *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*  
— Matt. 5:7



## THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

A STUDY OF THE BEATITUDES

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### LESSONS

1. God’s understanding of happiness is much like YOURS. His method of obtaining it may seem ODD to you, but in the end, you will find TRUE happiness.
2. The Beatitudes are an announcement of what you already HAVE in Christ, but they are also the RECIPE for the kind of person you want to become.

### THE SCRIPTURES

*Matt. 5:1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:*

*... 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

### LET’S REVIEW

1. Jesus went up on a mountainside, SAT DOWN, and taught this material to His DISCIPLES. The crowd listened in as He began 8 statements with the word BLESSED or HAPPY (makarios, μακάριος).
2. The first four Beatitudes are about a person’s relationship with the Lord: the NEED for God (poor in spirit); the DESPISING of sin (mourn); the YIELDING to Christ (meek); and the desire to be PURE (hunger and thirst for righteousness).

3. The second four Beatitudes are about our relationship with other PEOPLE.

### **BEATITUDE #7**

*Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

**BLESSED ARE** — HAPPY or fortunate. Blessed (makarios) implies “**it is well with your soul**”. Jesus is saying blessed, happy, satisfied, fulfilled, spiritually prosperous are the ones who work for and do the things that make peace.

**THE PEACEMAKERS** — This is PRESENT tense and CONTINUAL. This word in Greek is eirénopoios (εἰρηνοποιός).

Eirene (peace) speaks to individuals who hold differences of opinion, but who are willing to TURN toward each other and pursue RELATIONSHIP in spite of their differences.

*Proverbs 12:20. Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil, but those who promote peace have joy.*

Peacemaker (eirénopoios) is an ACTIVE word. It implies that you are taking some initiative on your part and also taking the risk of INTERVENING.

**FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED** — *hoti autoi klethesontai*

1. This should be read, “They ALONE” will be called.
2. The future tense again indicates a SEQUENCE.
3. The verb is PASSIVE. So, who is doing the calling? It presumes that God is the one who is calling them His children (sons).

**CHILDREN OF GOD** — *huioi theou* (υἱοὶ Θεοῦ)

1. This is literally “SONS of God” (NASB), but children and sons are interchangeable in this context.
2. The Beatitude makes clear that if you are trying to end conflict between people (including yourself and others), you are: doing the WILL of God, doing a God like WORK, and therefore, seen by all as God’s children.

### **WHAT ARE THE CHARACTER TRAITS AND ACTIONS OF A PEACEMAKER?**

*1 Peter 3:8-12 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. 11 They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”*

1. Be SYMPATHETIC (v. 8) - Recognize that they have FEELINGS too. Understand that there is more than one way to look at an issue.
2. Be LOYAL (v. 8) - When the peace is broken, it's very easy to start attacking the PERSON rather than the PROBLEM.
3. Be COMPASSIONATE (v. 8) - This is shown by WHAT you say, HOW you say it, and WHERE you choose to do so.
4. Be HUMBLE (v. 8) - Having a TEACHABLE spirit.
5. Be MERCIFUL (v. 9)

### **HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM LIVING THE SEVENTH BEATITUDE?**

1. When in the midst of conflict or in the midst of seeking to bring peace, you see yourself exhibiting TRAITS and ACTIONS such as: sympathy, loyalty, compassion, humility and mercy.
2. When you stop trying to win the ARGUMENT and start trying to find a SOLUTION.
3. When you choose CIVILITY.
4. When you INITIATE the peacemaking, and don’t wait on someone else.
5. When you make RECONCILING a broken relationship a higher priority than doing something RELIGIOUS.

*Matthew 5:23-24 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.*