

Jesus

Changes Everything

Matthew 5:12

Part 1

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows vibrant turquoise water with visible coral reefs. A narrow strip of white sand beach runs horizontally across the middle. The bottom half of the image is filled with dense, lush green tropical vegetation, including many palm trees.

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— *Observation #1* —

God's desire is that your
life would be filled with
genuine blessedness.

The background is a textured teal surface, possibly a wall or a large piece of paper, with a white, sandy, or pebbly path running horizontally across the bottom. The teal color has various shades and textures, giving it a mottled appearance.

#blessed

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- Describes a state of contentment and delight that was reserved for a very privileged minority
- To be fully satisfied

“blessings”

“What if your blessings come through rain drops? What if your healing comes through tears? What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know you're near? What if trials of this life — the rain, the storms, the hardest nights — are your mercies in disguise?”

-Laura Story

#blessed

- I think God attaches His blessings with His closeness.
- Here's my story: *My desire for God is greatly fueled by my need for Him.*
- Anything that draws me closer to Jesus – anything that causes me to let go of the temporary and hold on tightly to the eternal ...
#blessed.

— *Observation #2* —

The beatitudes
describe the evidence
of a yielded life.

— *Observation #3* —

Christ's theme is clear from the beginning ... God has called us to be transformed – to be different from the rest of the world.

Central Theme

Matthew 6:8 *“Be not ye
therefore like them”*

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8 Evidences of a Yielded Life

1) “blessed are the poor in spirit” → kingdom of heaven



An aerial photograph of a beach with turquoise water and white sand. The text is overlaid on the image.

spiritually

Poor = broke, busted,
bankrupt, destitute

8 Evidences of a Yielded Life

- 1) “blessed are the poor in spirit” → kingdom of heaven**
- 2) “blessed are they that mourn” → comforted**
- 3) “blessed are the meek” → inherit the earth**
- 4) “blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness” → filled**



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- 5) “blessed are the merciful” → obtain mercy**
- 6) “blessed are the pure in heart” → see God**
- 7) “blessed are the peacemakers” → called the children of God**
- 8) “blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake” → kingdom of heaven**

