

Sermon Notes: Golden Keys to Blessing

James 4:6-10

Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 6:19-24

What is the spiritual virtue of being 'poor in spirit'?

- humility and yieldedness to God
- **James 4:6-7**
- **Blessing: God will reign in your life and easily use you for His glory**

What is the spiritual virtue of 'mourning'?

- godly sorrow leading to repentance
- **James 4:8-10, 2 Corinthians 7:10**
- **Blessing: forgiveness, cleansing and restoration**

What is the spiritual virtue of 'meekness'?

- 'faith and patience' that enable calmness under pressure
- The calmness of the meek comes from their steadfast trust and dependence on God, **Psalm 46**
- The meek stick to their godly goal despite pressure and provocation
- A meek person never gives up on God
- **Psalm 37:9-11, Hebrews 6:12, 1 Peter 2:23**
- **Blessing: inherit God's promises on this earth**

What is the spiritual virtue of 'hungering and thirsting after righteousness'?

- willingness and obedience
- Readiness to do God's will
- Asking, seeking and knocking after righteousness
- **Isaiah 1:19, 1 John 2:17**
- **Blessing: fulfilment and satisfaction in life**

What is the spiritual virtue of being 'merciful'?

- Generosity (giving and serving)
- **Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:25**
- **Blessing: prosperity (abundance and wellbeing without covetousness)**

What is the spiritual virtue of being 'pure in heart'?

- priority attention and devotion to God
- A singular undivided focus on pleasing the King and advancing His kingdom, **Matthew 6:21-24, Psalm 24**
- What about your 'quiet time' with God daily?
- What about 'waiting upon the Lord' in prayer and fasting?

- Idolatry of any kind opens the door for the devil to operate. A true believer has no business with watching horror movies or carving pumpkins for Halloween
- **1 Corinthians 10:1-14**
- **Blessing: revelation, discernment, direction and protection in life**

What is the spiritual virtue of being a peace maker (not just a peace broker)?

- walking in love and forgiveness
- you make peace with the party that offended you
- peace making is an act of generosity
- **Matthew 5:16, 44-45**
- **Blessing: your light will shine**

What is the spiritual virtue of being 'persecuted for righteousness' sake'?

- godliness with contentment
- Faithfulness and perseverance in living right
- The key to contentment is generous giving and thanksgiving
- **1 Timothy 6:6-12**
- **Blessing: God will reign in your life and easily use you for His glory**

What is the spiritual virtue of being 'persecuted for Christ's sake'?

- faithfulness and perseverance in serving Christ
- **James 1:12, Revelation 2:10**
- A crown represents authority, beauty, honour and glory
- **Blessing: great reward of beauty, honour and glory for all eternity**