

ABUNDANT LIFE ATTITUDES

~ A Study of Matthew 5:3-10 ~

“Blessed are the peacemakers”

Matthew 5:9

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- The blessedness of purity

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

- Purity is your destiny

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! Dear friends... we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.”

I John 3:1a, 2-3 (TNIV)

- Purity makes you an instrument for God’s noble purposes

“Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.’ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for disposal of refuse. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

II Timothy 2:19-21 (TNIV)

- Are you pursuing purity?

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.”

I Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NIV)

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

- The God of peace
 - Biblical peace “shalom” _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____.
- Peace with God and the peace of God

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1 (NIV)

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 (NIV)

- Ambassadors of peace

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” II Corinthians 5:20 (TNIV)

- Vertical and horizontal peace

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace” Ephesians 2:14, 15b (TNIV)

- Are you a peacemaker or a peace breaker?

“Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.” James 3:18 (NIV)

- The ultimate compliment: *“For they will be called sons of God.”*

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