Text: Matthew 5

4. The Best Ambition: Spiritual Hunger (Matthew 5:6)

Matt. 5:6 6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

5. Mercy to Others Brings Mercy from God (Matthew 5:7)

7 66Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

6. A Pure (Kathoros) Heart (Kardia) Will(!) Allow Christians to 'See' God Throughout Life (Matthew 5:8)

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

7. True Christian Peacemakers Broker Peace Between God and Sinful Man (and Between Man and Man) (Matthew 5:9)

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

8. Physical Persecution is Always Possible for the Uncompromising Christian (Matthew 5:10)

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

9. Insults and Slander from the Unsaved are to Be Expected - It's Evidence We're Real Christians (And, We Get Heaven!) (Matthew 5:11-12)

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

