

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 2—
Matthew 5:7-12—The Blessed Beatitudes (Part 2)

1. (a) As you read over the eight beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12, what would you say Jesus is trying to communicate to the multitudes? (b) Which of these beatitudes is most difficult for you and why?
2. Memorize Matthew 5:11.
3. (a) Who did or did not show mercy in Genesis 50; Matthew 18:21-35 and Luke 10:25-37? (b) Write down at least one valuable lesson from each of these accounts that you can use in your own life or the life of someone else.
4. (a) According to Psalm 18:26; Psalm 24:3, 4; Proverbs 21:8; Proverbs 22:11; Titus 1:15 and 1 Peter 1:22, 23, why is it essential that we are pure in heart? (b) What happens to those whose hearts are not pure according to Proverbs 11:20; Proverbs 12:8 and Hebrews 3:12? (c) How do you keep your heart pure? Perhaps stop and pray with David “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)
5. (a) What is the Christian’s mandate in Hebrews 12:14? (b) With that in mind how would you endeavor to help the men in Acts 15:36-41 and the two women mentioned in Philippians 4:1-3? (c) What things have you found helpful in your own life in trying to be a peacemaker, especially in your home?
6. (a) What types of persecution are mentioned in the following passages? 2 Samuel 16:5-14; Kings 18:4; Jeremiah 37:14-38:6; Acts 5:40-42; Acts 7:57-8:3; 2 Corinthians 11:22-33? (b) If it is stated, note the attitude with each of these. (c) How does this compare to our persecutions for the sake of Christ? (d) How do you personally prepare yourself spiritually for persecution? (e) How are you instructing or did you instruct your children regarding persecution for being a follow of Christ?
7. What changes do you need to make as a result of these two lessons on the beatitudes? Please write a prayer to the Lord.

