

Matthew 5
“First Principles”

MEMORY VERSE

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Hebrews 11:6

But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Introduction

If you meet someone who claims to be a Christian but displays and desires none of these traits, you may rightly wonder about their salvation, because they do not have the character of kingdom citizens. But if they claim to have mastered these attributes, you may question their honesty.

-Guzik

V 1

Jesus Gathers His Disciples

V 2

Jesus Teaches His Disciples

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[William] Barclay also points out that the verb translated ‘taught’ is in the imperfect tense, “Therefore it describes repeated and habitual action, and the translation should be: ‘This is what he used to teach them.’”

- Guzik

V 3

Blessed are?

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“Makarios then describes that joy which has its secret within itself, that joy which is serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and changes of life.”

- (Barclay / Guzik)

V 3

**First Principle:
Poverty of Spirit**

Taking It Home

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 5:3

"Blessed [are] the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.