

# ***Life with Kingdom Glasses***

***PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 6:17–26***



*He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of His disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,*

**Luke 6:17**

*who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases.  
Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,*

**Luke 6:18**

*and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.*

**Luke 6:19**

*Looking at His disciples, He said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.*

**Luke 6:20**

*Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.*

**Luke 6:21**

*Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.*

*“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.”*

**Luke 6:23**

*“But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.”*

**Luke 6:24**

*Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.*

**Luke 6:25**

*Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.*

**Luke 6:26**

# The Magnetism of Jesus (6:17–19)





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# The Message of Jesus (6:20–26)



**The Beatitudes disclose God's gracious favor toward His followers for traits that are opposite of what usually garners acclaim and popularity.**

The Beatitudes are not conditions for entering the Kingdom of God but blessings pronounced on those who have already entered.

# *Poverty vs. Wealth*



*Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the Kingdom He promised those who love Him?*

**James 2:5**

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

**1 Timothy 6:17**

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

**1 Timothy 6:18**

*In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

# *Hungry vs. Full*



# *Mourning vs. Laughing*



# *Ridiculed vs. Respected*



**The Beatitudes simply cannot be “good news” if they are understood as a set of “how-tos” for achieving blessedness. They would then only amount to a new legalism.**

**Thabiti Anyabwile**

**It is the association to Jesus that unlocks the blessings mentioned in the Beatitudes.**

*Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
“My servants will eat, but you will go hungry;  
my servants will drink, but you will go thirsty;  
my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.*

**Isaiah 65:13**

# The Motivation for Jesus Followers (6:22b, 23a)



*The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.*

**Acts 5:41**

Most of what is wrong in human affairs simply can't be dealt with by law. It is a terrible position to be in.

**Dallas Willard**

There is greater, longer-lasting happiness with Jesus plus nothing than with everything minus Jesus. The happiness of “everything minus Jesus” is temporary. The joy of “Jesus plus nothing” is eternal.

**Thabiti Anyabwile**

Followers of Jesus possess  
lasting joy because they see  
beyond the temporary trials of life.

