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Genesis 12:2-3 (NIV)

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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1. Jesus received the Blessing of the Father.

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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1. Jesus received the Blessing of the Father.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you realize your need for God.

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

3 "God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you experience Godly sorrow for sin.

Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you experience Godly sorrow for sin.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you are content.

Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you are content.

Matthew 5:5 (MSG)

5 "You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you are content.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV)

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you have a strong desire for righteousness and justice.

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you have a strong desire for righteousness and justice.

Matthew 5:6 (NLT)

6 God blesses those who are hungry and thirsty for justice, for they will receive it in full.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you show mercy.

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you show mercy.

Matthew 6:14-15 (NIV)

14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you have integrity.

Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

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

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you have integrity.

Matthew 5:8 (MSG)

8 "You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

- You are Blessed if you a peacemaker.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.
 - You are Blessed if you are persecuted for your relationship with Christ.

Matthew 5:10 (NIV)

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

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2. Jesus teaches us how to recognize the Blessing.

1 Peter 2:19-21 (NIV)

19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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John 6:56-58 (NIV)

57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."

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John 6:66-69 (NIV)

66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."