

The Character of a Committed Christian (Part I)  
Luke 6:20-23

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I. The need of God's **righteousness**.

Luke 6:20 – Blessed are you who are poor, because the kingdom of God is yours. (CSB)

Luke 18:13 – “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ (CSB)

Romans 8:17 – and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (CSB)

Blessing: Gain God's physical **kingdom**.

II. Be consumed by God's **acceptance**.

Luke 6:21 – Blessed are you who are now hungry, because you will be filled. (CSB)

Blessing: Gain God's emotional **fulfillment**.

Galatians 5:22-23 – <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. (CSB)

III. Care about what **breaks God's heart**.

Luke 6:21 – Blessed are you who weep now, because you will laugh. (CSB)

Blessing: Gain God's **affection**.

Zephaniah 3:17 – The Lord your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will be quiet in his love. He will delight in you with singing.” (CSB)

IV. Take the hit for **God's sake**.

Luke 6:22-23 – <sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you, insult you, and slander your name as evil

because of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy. Take note—your reward is great in heaven, for this is the way their ancestors used to treat the prophets. (CSB)

John 15:18-21 – <sup>18</sup>“If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word I spoke to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. <sup>21</sup>But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they don’t know the one who sent me. (CSB)

Acts 5:40-42 – <sup>40</sup>After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. <sup>41</sup>Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name. <sup>42</sup>Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. (CSB)

Blessing: Gain God’s **otherworldly perspective**.

2 Corinthians 4:17 – For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. (CSB)

### **Thought For The Week:**

Don’t **compromise** your character simply because  
the world can’t **handle** it.

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