

RADICAL LIVING
The Beatitudes and us
Matthew 5:1-10

Lesson 4

In the last lesson we learned that meekness is not weakness...but rather a yielding of our strengths and our wills to God's control. We also learned that with meekness comes mastery of our inner being...true equilibrium or balance.

In this lesson we are going to add to righteousness our meekness.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

1. The world in which we live

Romans 3:23

Proverbs 14:34

2. What is righteousness?

A. What Righteousness is not:

Matthew 23:5

Romans 10:2-3

B What true righteousness is:

Righteousness defined: ***dikaiosune*** – equity of character.

Righteousness is

1 What is right

2 Justice

3 The act of doing what is in agreement with God's standards.

4 The state of being in proper relationship with God.

Micah 6:8

3. Hungering and thirsting after righteousness

Hunger and thirst are appetites that return frequently and call for fresh satisfaction.

A. An intense longing

Job 23:11-12

Psalm 63:1-2

B. The manifestation of this hunger and thirst

Psalm 122:1

Psalm 40:7-8

4 What is their reward?

“Shall be filled” is translated by one word: ***chortasthesontai***. The root is chortazo, which means to gorge (supply food in abundance): feed, fill, satisfy.

A. Used of the filling of the birds with the flesh of God’s enemies

Revelation 19:21

B. Used of the multitudes that Jesus fed

Matthew 14:15-20

C. A good appetite is usually a sign of good health

1 Peter 2:2

D. What will they be filled with?

They will receive what they are striving for. They will be filled with righteousness.

Psalm 107:9