

THE MINISTRY OF BLESSINGS, Part 2

INTRODUCTION

- Blessing is the pronouncement of God's _____

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Righteousness comes from a word that means _____. It also mean to be m_____ correct. To do what is right, g_____ and proper.
- Righteousness is how we are to inte_____ with each other.
- _____ by his very nature is righteous and thus He is the fou_____ of all that is right and good. (see 2 Chronicles 12:6, Psalm 89:14-16)
- How do you receive God's righteousness? _____
- How long/often are to hunger and thirst for righteousness? _____
- Righteousness comes from God and defines your relationship with him. It must also define how you live and _____.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

- What is at the heart of God's mercy? _____
- To be merciful is to:
 1. Be moved to _____. (read Luke 10, The Good Samaritan)
 2. Have the _____ of God in you. (1 John 3:17)
 3. Give of _____ to another.
 4. F_____ others.
The merciful person remembers his own sin and God's mercy to him; he understands the weaknesses of others, and he forgives (read Psalm 103:11-13 on God's forgiveness)

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART

- To be pure in heart is to set your heart upon God's righteousness and mercy with a _____.
- Purity of heart is not about the outward appearance, it is about the wh_____ of the inw_____ person. (read Matthew 23:25-28)
- Who is the one who is perfectly pure of heart? _____
- To be pure of heart is to:
 1. Have a sin_____ faith, one without hypocrisy, wickedness or deceit. (1 Timothy 1:5)
 2. A_____ things that defile you. Rather, p_____ the things of God. (1 Peter 1:22)
 3. Follow and be purified by God's _____. (2 Timothy 2:22)
 4. C_____ being filled by the heart of Jesus. (compare Galatian 2:20)

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

To be blessed:

1. Learn to hunger and thirst for God's righteousness. Then act with others accordingly.
2. Be merciful (compassionate) with someone this week.
3. Read the Gospel of Matthew and be filled with heart of Christ.

