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<p>Feel like nothing you do really matters? Like you try and try, but it does not really make a difference? Even when you are successful, it is pointless anyway? Have you given up trying? Or losing the will to try?</p>	<p>Poor in spirit (- a discouraged will-power) Matthew 5:3</p>	<p>You are right, it matters not. There is no hope. Even what you would accomplish by being successful in what you do would not have any real value.</p>	<p>It really matters, and in the end you, with Christ, you succeed. God's reign on earth as it is in heaven is coming. In the end, you will have your share of heaven. You can try to let this assurance encourage your spirit now, but you are regardless blessed, for your discouragement will go away in heaven.</p>
<p>Do you feel weighed down by how things are not right in the world? Do you feel sad about the evils of mankind or when catastrophes strike? Does it feel like it is one sad thing after another?</p>	<p>One mourning (all that is wrong in the world) Matthew 5:4</p>	<p>You are right, for there is much bad that happens and that will happen. Anyone's death is a tremendous loss as they have seized to be, and one day you will die as well.</p>	<p>You will be comforted by seeing all evil go away. Anything wrong will stop. Any believer who passed, you get to see again.</p>
<p>Do you find yourself fearful that if you say something or do something, you will ruin things? Are you holding yourself back because you don't want to offend, or be a burden? Are you afraid of being a nuisance? Are you afraid of doing something that would leave you undeserving of love?</p>	<p>Gentle (or meek) Matthew 5:5</p>	<p>We are all nuisances to each other. We do hurt each other. We tend to do the wrong things. Others often get angry when we act human.</p>	<p>There is nothing you can do wrong that would stop God's plan. God will use you in his plans, and those plans can not be derailed. Be assured, that you will never be disinherited. God's kingdom on earth will happen, and you will be part of that kingdom.</p>

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<p>Do you get angered by people acting unjustly? By people doing what is wrong? Especially if they get away with it? Are you troubled by unfairness? Is justice important for you?</p>	<p>Hungering and thirsting for righteousness and justice Matthew 5:6</p>	<p>The world is, and will always be, unjust and unfair. Wrong deeds are often rewarded. If you do what is right, it will often hurt you.</p>	<p>God is just. Wrongdoing must be punished, and Christ took the punishment for us all. It has fulfilled your thirst for justice. There will be a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no injustice and where people will be righteous.</p>
<p>Does it hurt you how there is so little love and forgiveness in the world? Are you bothered by someone getting yelled at for their mistake? Do you long for people giving each other a break and dealing with each other as real people that mess up at times? Do you feel bad when you have made a mistake, but then doubly down when others give you a hard time about it as well?</p>	<p>Merciful Matthew 5:7</p>	<p>You are a fool! If you do wrong, you deserve punishment. There is no reason for people to love someone if they mess up.</p>	<p>You have been given mercy, and upon your death, will receive the ultimate mercy. God wants a relationship with you right now, no matter what you have done, or will do. And when it is all said and done, he will forgive it all, and</p>

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<p>Do you value being honest with yourself and others about why you do what you do? That things should be done for the right reasons? Frustrated by others having hidden motives? Do you feel pain inside when you see others lie, play games with others, or pretend to be something they are not? Does it hurt you even if they are doing it toward someone else? Does your heart sink when others think that you have ulterior motives?</p>	<p>Pure in heart (there is one unified will and motive behind what you do) Matthew 5:8</p>	<p>People do have ulterior motives, and people often do look after themselves. There is no real standard for truth anyway. If lying or deceiving would help you get what you want, why not do it?</p>	<p>God sees your heart and knows it when you are being pure in your motives. And God sees everybody else's heart as well. Nobody is actually able to be deceptive, for nothing can be hidden from God. For God, there is only truth, and he knows that. And in the end, you will be blessed by living in a world where truth reigns.</p>
<p>Do you often think "can't we all just get along?" Do you thirst for harmony? Does it irk you inside when there is conflict and people are not getting along? Do you have a low tolerance for people arguing? Do you tend to not voice your needs or preferences so that it makes it easier for everyone to agree on things?</p>	<p>Peacemakers Matthew 5:9</p>	<p>Conflict is inevitable. Although you want harmony and peace, there will never be harmony and peace.</p>	<p>God is the ultimate peacemaker. You can be called a "son of God" because being a peacemaker means that you are like God. God will bring peace on (a new) earth like there is peace in heaven. The ultimate peacemaker will ensure peace.</p>
<p>Are you tired of doing what is right because you end up being hurt by doing it? Do you feel that when you do what is right, others go after you? Frustrated about taking the consequences one ending up in trouble even though you are the one who did the right thing?</p>	<p>Persecuted for righteousness Matthew 5:10-12</p>	<p>Do what is right? Who is to say what is right? Is there even such a thing as right or wrong?</p>	<p>You belong in God's kingdom, and you will be there. Even if you die in your pursuit of righteousness, you will be where there is only righteousness.</p>