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Blessed: possessing the favor of God, that state of being marked by fullness from God. His satisfaction comes from God and not from favorable circumstances.

The Complete Word Study New Testament

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I pulled up at the depot in my Mini Cooper expecting a large package, and was met by two pallets, piled high with about 20 boxes, containing hundreds of rolls.

I couldn't get it all in the car. I folded the seats down, opened up boxes and shoved packets in every footwell. I was sweating. It was like something out of a movie.



This would happen every two or three months; I would receive up to 400 rolls at a time. Storing it was a problem. I made a bedside table out of it, put it under my desk, in my wardrobe and in the garage. Christmas 2014 was the cheapest ever.

When I moved across state, I had to rent a trailer to take the toilet rolls with me.



After about three years, when the deliveries abruptly stopped, I was pretty shocked. I had failed to figure out that my entire lifetime supply had been sent up front.

The company had calculated how many rolls a man my age, living alone, would need for life and delivered them all. My supply eventually ran out in early 2017: I had blown it in a couple of years.

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The greatness of the beatitudes is that they are not wistful glimpses of some future beauty; they are not even golden promises of some distant glory; they are triumphant shouts of bliss for a permanent joy that nothing in the world can ever take away.

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The poor in spirit recognize that they have no spiritual "assets." They know they are spiritually bankrupt. With the word poor, Jesus uses the more severe term for poverty. It indicates someone who must beg for whatever they have or get.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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2 Corinthians 1

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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The beatitudes speak of that joy which seeks us through our pain, that joy which sorrow and loss, and pain and grief, are powerless to touch, that joy which shines through tears, and which nothing in life or death can take away.

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Wever insist on taking the right-of-way. If another driver does not yield to you when he or she should, forget it. Let the other driver go first. You will help prevent accidents and make driving more pleasant.

The California DMV Driver Handbook

3. Blessed For Representing God (v5, 7, 9)

What this beatitude demands is not the passive acceptance of things because we are afraid of the trouble of doing anything about them, but the active facing of things, and the making of peace, even when the way to peace is through struggle.

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The reward of peacemakers is that they are recognized as true children of God. They share His passion for peace and reconciliation, the breaking down of walls between people.

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4. Blessed For Pleasing God (v6, 8, 10)

The righteousness that the blessed hunger and thirst for is not salvation. It is personal holiness and, extending this desire more broadly, the desire that holiness may prevail among all people.

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Thomas Constable

4. Blessed For Pleasing God (v6, 8, 10)

In his mercy God judges us, not only by our achievements, but also by our dreams. Even if a man never attains goodness, if to the end of the day he is still hungering and thirsting for it, he is not shut out from blessedness.

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4. Blessed For Pleasing God (v6, 8, 10)

But the LORD said to my father David, 'Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart.

1 Kings 8:18

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5. Blessed For Believing God (v3-12)

John 6

- 28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"
- 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

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- There is no soul of man, however illiterate, lonely, or poor, that may not step suddenly into this life of beatitude and begin to drink of the river that makes glad the city of God.
 - F.B. Meyer, Through The Bible Day By Day