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A Seven-Fold Description of a Life that pleases Yahweh

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1. To be poor in spirit, recognizing that before Yahweh I do not have what it takes, and that all my good is in him.

2. To mourn over my own sins, seeing their cost so that I move beyond feeling sorry to a place where I actually change.

3. To meekly submit to the will of Yahshua, whatever the cost.

These are the roots of a life that
pleases Yahweh. There is no
true Christianity without them.
But out of these roots, comes:

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**4. A life that hungers and thirsts for
righteousness.**

This deep longing and commitment is the foundation of a life that continues to please Yahweh. And where this life grows, it will bear wonderful fruit:

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5. Out of this life will come a tenderness of heart—mercy, compassion, forgiveness—beautiful fruit.

6. Out of this life will come purity of heart—to will one thing, to move beyond the spiritual stagnation of double-mindedness that holds half to the world and half to Messiah.

7. Out of this life will come a peaceable spirit. Peace in your own heart that makes it possible for you to be a peacemaker in this troubled world.

What comes of such a life?

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If I pursue this life to which
Messiah calls me, what should I
expect? What lies ahead of me?
To that question, Yahshua gives
two answers:

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1. You will be persecuted by the world, and

2. You will be blessed by Yahweh.

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10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

**Three times Yahshua uses the word
“persecuted,” which means:
Harassed, opposed, or ill-treated.
Yahshua says, “If you pursue this
life, this is what will happen to
you. You should expect it.”**

The world will not thank you for being a Christian. The world will not love the church. It will tolerate the church with suspicion at best, and will show it open hostility at worst.

Yahshua says that everyone who does wicked things “hates the light” (John 3:20). They love darkness because it shrouds evil. If the light is in you, expect to be hated.

Think about individual people in the Bible

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1 John 3:1-13

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of Yahweh: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of Yahweh, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**3 And every man that hath this hope
in him purifieth himself, even as he
is pure.**

**4 Whosoever committeth sin
transgresseth also the law: for sin is
the transgression of the law.**

**5 And ye know that he was
manifested to take away our sins;
and in him is no sin.**

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of Yahweh was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of Elohim doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of Elohim.

10 In this the children of Elohim are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of Elohim, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

Joseph was persecuted by his brothers and in Egypt he was cast into prison for righteousness sake (Genesis 37, 39).

Moses was reviled again and again (Exodus 5:21; 14:11; 16:2; 17:2; etc.).

Samuel was rejected (1 Sam. 8:5).

**Elijah was despised and persecuted
(1 Kings 18:17; 19:2).**

**Nehemiah was oppressed and defamed
(Nehemiah 4).**

Stephen was stoned, Peter and John were cast into prison, James was beheaded, and the entire course of the apostle Paul's Christian life and ministry was one long series of bitter and relentless persecutions.

Think about the churches in the Bible

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In Philippi: For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Messiah you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake. (Philippians 1:29)

In Thessalonica: We ourselves boast about you in the churches of Elohim for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.
(2 Thessalonians 1:4)

Paul says to Timothy in a definitive way: All who desire to live a godly life in Messiah Yahshua will be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12)

Suffering for being a Christian is normal and we should expect it. Why? Because the sinful nature is hostile to Yahweh (Romans 8:7).

Think about our Master Yahshua Messiah

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Yahshua Messiah, lived out every one of these Beatitudes, and look what the world did to him. He says,

“A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you” (John 15:20).

The eighth beatitude sets an expectation quite clearly, reflected throughout the whole Bible, for a normal Christian life. Those who follow Messiah will be blessed by Yahweh and hated by the world.

...aggressors shall be peace.
...end of the wicked shall be destroy
...but the salvation of the righteous is o
...their strength in the time of trouble.
...And the Lord shall help them, and de
...he shall deliver them from the wi
...them, because they trust in hi

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