

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*Peacemakers are able to bring peace to troubled places because the Prince of Peace reigns in them.

*What are the stressors, frustrations and anxieties attached to your life that are sapping your peace?

***Release:** “Lord, I name the worrisome issues that occupy my mind and cause undue pressure on my life. I release them to you.”

***Commitment:** “Jesus, I commit to learn and sustain the habit of quickly casting my cares on you, to align myself under Your Lordship and totally trust you. I desire to live centered in Your peace.

***Receive:** “Prince of Peace, I receive you on the throne of my life, allowing your glorious rule over all that I am. I rest in the shelter of your Presence and gaze upon the beauty of your face. I receive the assurance of your loving and strong embrace.”

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*When you live as light to the world reflecting Christ, the prince of this world and those living in darkness will assault you.

*How are you carrying the weight of the opposition of others and the oppression of the enemy because of your faith in Christ?

***Release:** “Lord, I come into your Presence and I surrender the insults leveled at me because of Jesus in me. I pray blessings back on those people. I fix my gaze on you, God, through the oppressive clouds of the devil. I believe for your victory.”

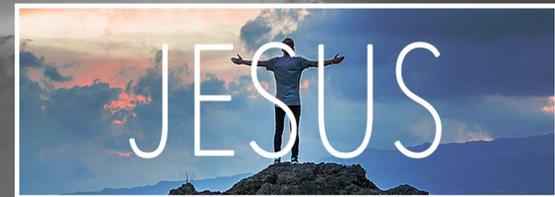
***Commitment:** “Lord, I will continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, teach His Word, live His Truth and shine His Light in this world. I will not be deterred by the attacks of the enemy. I count it an honor to be considered worthy to suffer for the sake of Jesus. ”

***Receive:** “Jesus I receive afresh the renewal and empowering of the Holy Spirit, who is greater in me than he that is in the world. Your grace and power are all sufficient. *“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”* (Phil. 4:13)

**Live and serve from the center-point of Jesus.
You will receive God’s best.
You will impact the world for Christ!**



New Year Guide



AT THE CENTER

2022

To
Center
on
Jesus

New Year Centering in Christ

I take the month of January to “get aligned” and “centered” in Jesus. The prayerful process involves letting go of the fragments of life and ministry I’ve collected. I empty the recycle bin, de-frag and de-clutter my soul. After emptying myself, I offer myself whole-heartedly to God. I examine my life in His Presence and re-order my priorities. This year the Lord led me to Matthew 5:3-13. I offer it as a template for your own new year centering. Prayerfully work through the prompts. Be specific and thorough. These “Be-attitudes” are core qualities that reflect Jesus in our lives and carry heavenly reward. I encourage you to use them as points of soul examination, clutter release, renewed spiritual commitment and a guide for prioritizing your life under the reign of Jesus. We are most peaceful and prosperous centered in Jesus.

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*Being poor in spirit means you are totally dependent upon the Lord.

*What other things are you depending upon for your comfort, security and well-being?

***Release:** “God, I release to you all the things I’ve looked to, trusted in and depended on for my comfort, security and happiness other than you.

***Commitment:** “Lord, I whole-heartedly center my life and totally focus my dependence upon you.”

***Receive:** “Jesus, I receive the affection of your Heart for me, the assurance of being centered in your Presence and your absolute reign in my life as the Prince of Peace.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

*Grief is the result of disappointment or loss. There’s been a lot of illness, death and life-change. People can live under a cloud of mourning.

*What are the disappointments, losses and significant life-changes for which you carry grief and mourning?

***Release:** “Lord, thank you for your tender love and nearness to comfort those who mourn. I release to you my disappointments, losses and the griefs of my heart.”

***Commitment:** “Lord, I will continue to keep my heart open to you, offering all the broken fragments that your consolation, healing and restoration may be complete in me.

***Receive:** “Lord, I receive your consolation, comfort and freedom from the spirit of heaviness. I receive the oil of joy for clarity and a hope-filled future.”

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

*Meekness is humility. Being humble is the opposite of selfish pride. The pride of life has to do with maintaining control and leaning on your strength.

*In what ways, have you demanded your will be done, exercised control, judged people and situations from your self-centered standards?

***Release:** “God, I give you my tendency to exert my dominance, my prideful attitude and my impulsive desire to judge and control.

***Commitment:** “Lord, I totally humble myself before you that I would obey your leading and not demand my way.”

***Receive:** “Jesus, I receive the Holy Spirit’s help to shift control in my life and receive your empowerment to yield to you the reigns of my life.”

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

*Hunger and thirst have to do with appetite. It is the core desire of our heart.

*How does your desire and appetite need to be adjusted to have a greater hunger and thirst for the righteousness and Presence of God?

***Release:** “Father, I repent that I have fed and lingered on things that are not spiritually healthy. I have sought satisfaction outside of you. I release those things to you.”

***Commitment:** “Father, I make it my aim to set you and your righteous ways before me. I desire you above all.”

***Receive:** “Father, I receive the renewal of a right spirit and the stirring of holy hunger and thirst for you.”

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

*Being merciful is the ability to extend grace.

*Are there relational offences, verbal insults and tensions that are present holdings in your heart and mind?

***Release:** “Lord, examine me and identify for me where I am consciously or unconsciously holding on to the offensive words and actions of others.”

***Commitment:** “Lord, I name the offenses and persons. I choose to forgive them in Jesus name. I will let them go.”

***Receive:** “God, I receive your grace and power to release offences and forgive by your mercy to me. Which, I extend to others in Jesus Name.”

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

*A pure heart is an inner core that is cleansed of sin and totally filled with Godly motivations.

*Are there sly, secret undercurrents and selfish hidden agendas in your spiritual core?

***Release:** “God, I invite your searching gaze into my heart. Examine me through and through; find out everything that may be hidden within me. Put me to the test and sift through all my anxious cares.” (PS 139:23 TPT) Cleanse me God of all that is not of you.

***Commitment:** Lord, I choose to submit myself to the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, that you would give me an undivided and holy heart toward you.

***Receive:** “Holy Spirit, I receive your deep cleansing and sanctifying work that makes me a holy temple, worthy to house your Presence, and a noble vessel for Kingdom service.”