

Conclusion: The Big Picture of Christian Character

What hinders us: self-centeredness – the opposite of love for God and neighbor

God’s solution: changing the appetite of our hearts and filling us with more of Himself

<u>D</u>	<u>Character Trait</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Result</u>
R	The poor in spirit	Recognizing the need for a change in heart appetite	This is the essence of the Kingdom of Heaven – a right relationship with the Father.
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I	Those who mourn	Developing a willingness to receive a change in heart appetite	Jesus has come to set the captives free and to relieve those who mourn over their sin with a godly sorrow.
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E	The meek	Submitting to the one who alone can bring about a change in heart appetite	The quiet, submitted life is under protection and therefore yields long, peaceful life in the earth.
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O	Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	Change of heart appetite accomplished by the Lord	The result of change in the appetite of the heart is that we shall instead hunger after the righteousness of God and He shall fill us with more of Himself.
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T	The merciful	Heart hungers to forgive others for wronging us	God is merciful toward those merciful to others.
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E	The pure in heart	Heart hungers to do rightly to others, serving them	Those who have loving intention toward others, whether friend or foe, shall see the Lord at work in all things.
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T	The peacemakers	Heart hungers to proclaim the gospel	Those who receive the gospel of peace we preach will see us as sons of God
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R	The persecuted	Heart hungers to proclaim the gospel	Those who reject the gospel of peace we preach will persecute us