

Notes

Questions for Further Application:

Evaluate and discuss these three statements:

1. It's more challenging to keep our focus on our eternal reward because current issues are easier to grapple with and understand.
 2. It's more challenging to deal with earthly challenges because Jesus has given us everything to know about our future in heaven, but lets us figure out how to overcome our earthly struggles.
 3. Sometimes it's hard to know when we should help someone with their earthly needs, and when it's time to point them to Jesus and talk about suffering.
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4. How can you “leap for joy” when your attempts to share your faith are met with rejection and hostility?

Luke 6:20-23

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.