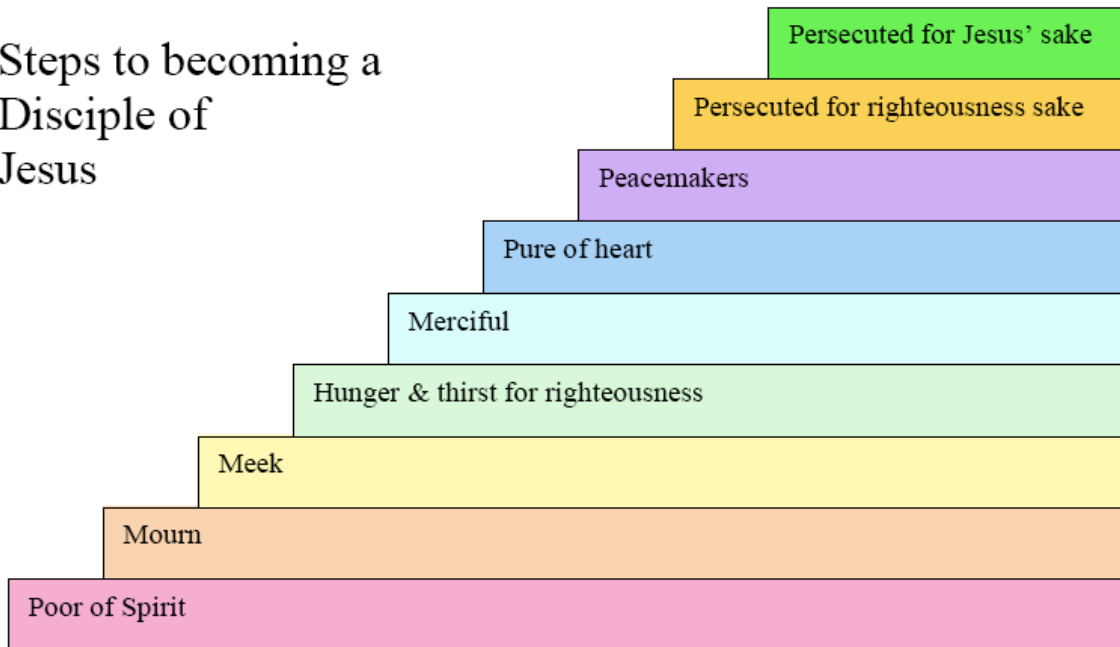


# Steps to becoming a Disciple of Jesus



Step 1: Detachment from the world; choosing attachment to Jesus Christ.

- REWARD: "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (membership in the family).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: "mourn" loss of attachments & realization of sinfulness.

Step 2: Detachment from sin; choosing obedience to Jesus Christ.

- REWARD: "comfort" (inner affirmation).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: pride.

Step 3: Detachment from self; choosing humility, to be like Jesus Christ.

- REWARD: "shall inherit the earth" (God will provide all needs).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: "hunger and thirst" for attention!

Step 4: Desire to be righteous before God the Father.

- REWARD: "will be satisfied" (will be changed by grace).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: one must love and forgive.

Step 5: Obedience to righteousness: love and forgive.

- REWARD: "shall obtain mercy" (forgiven as we forgive).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: bitterness for justice.

Step 6: Purification of the heart: let go of bitterness.

- REWARD: "shall see God" (contemplation).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: isolation.

Step 7: Being Christ in the world.

- REWARD: "shall be called sons of God" (those who know will see).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: personal rejection, persecution for being "holy".

Step 8: Acceptance / offering up of this persecution.

- REWARD: "theirs is the kingdom of God" (this is what membership entails in this world).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: questioning of the entire process & discipleship.

Step 9: Acceptance / offering up of this persecution.

- REWARD: "great in heaven" (eternity; union with Christ).
- CRISIS/CHOICE: loneliness.