Notes on Matthew 5:8, blessed are the merciful

Generosity in the SM:

* Foregoing anger
* Non-resistance – not taking revenge – love your enemies
* Give in secret
* The daily prayer For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; **15**but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
* Do not worry about tomorrow
* Do not judge – we will be judged as we judge others
* Logs and specks
* Do for others

Luke 6:37-38. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; **38**give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Matthew 7:1-5 “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. **2**For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. **3**Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+7&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-23320a)] eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? **4**Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? **5**You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’seye.

Matthew 25:34-36.  ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; **35**for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36**I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

We are to be merciful to others, and hunger and thirst for righteousness ourselves.