Read the ‘Beatitudes’, a collection of sayings of Jesus in Matthew 5:3-12.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
**4**Blessed are those who mourn,
    for they will be comforted.
**5**Blessed are the meek,
    for they will inherit the earth.
**6**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
    for they will be filled.
**7**Blessed are the merciful,
    for they will be shown mercy.
**8**Blessed are the pure in heart,
    for they will see God.
**9**Blessed are the peacemakers,
    for they will be called children of God.
**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.