

# THE BEATITUDES

## OUTLINE

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. HUMILITY

- A. A person that has humility realizes that he needs help. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." (Zechariah 4:6)
- B. A humble person is willing to lean more on God and on God's people. An arrogant person says, "Oh, just leave it alone, I will do that." That is arrogance. We are talking here about being poor in spirit, being humble, having humility.

#### II. SENSITIVITY

- A. To Mourn: Those who grieve over the right things.
- B. A sensitive person grieves over his own sins and the hurts it causes others.
- C. Mourning over the sins of others: greed, violence, and daily abuse.
- D. Mourning over the realization that they are "poor in spirit."

#### III. SELF CONTROL — MEEKNESS

- A. Can you control your temper when you have been wronged?
- B. Do you forgive others and let them know that you have forgiven them?
- C. Do you refuse to meditate upon negative remarks to you or about you?
- D. Do you overcome evil with good?

#### IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. We can have the correct facts, but act like the devil with them.
- B. We may be filled with truth, but not have much grace.
- C. A person who is concerned about right relationships does not continue in sin because sin damages right relationships.
- D. Are you craving for righteousness? Do you have that strong inner feeling for a good relationship with God, with your spouse and others around you?
- E. Do you reach out to the neglected and bring them dignity?

#### V. MERCY

- A. A person will not be merciful if he is not craving for right relationships.
- B. He will not crave for right relationships unless he keeps himself under control. (So, we are working our way back up the Beatitudes.)
- C. He will not keep himself under control unless he is sensitive to the hurts of others.
- D. He will not be sensitive to the hurts of others unless he is humble, aware of his own spiritual dependence on God's grace.

#### VI. PURITY

- A. The one who is pure in heart is transparent. You can look through him.
- B. What you see is what you get.
- C. He has no hidden purposes. He has no evil motives.

- D. The person who is pure in heart can see God in this world because his vision is not blurred by insensitivity.
- E. He is not always reading “hidden meanings” in what he sees and hears.
- F. Many of the churches problems result when Christians question and misinterpret one another’s actions, words, and intentions.
- G. Being pure in heart involves viewing our brothers and sisters in a positive, wholesome way. Think no evil.

## **VII. PEACEMAKERS**

- A. Peacemakers are active in reconciling individuals to both God and one another.
- B. Peacemakers are the ones who build (or become) bridges, not canyons.
- C. They stop gossip by refusing to repeat it--even if it is true.
- D. Peacemakers will not cut down others.
- E. Peacemakers will not retaliate.
- F. They will forgive.
- G. They will make decisions that will benefit people who hurt them.

## **VIII. CONTENTMENT**

### **CONCLUSION**

### **PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT**