

The Beatitudes – Part 1

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Introduction.

- A. We need to not get too highly elated or too deeply disturbed in ministry.
- B. Mental attitude is very important.
- C. What are the right attitudes, the beautiful attitudes?

I. The Beatitudes teach us the right attitudes.

- A. The personal qualities are listed (Matthew 5:3-6) before the social qualities. (Matthew 5:7-12)
- B. Blessed are the poor in spirit for there's is the kingdom of heaven.

1. Happy are those who realize they are nothing.
2. When you feel down and feel you are nothing realize that you are right.
3. We should never feel adequate in God's work.
4. It takes a lifetime to learn the basic lesson Jesus taught his disciples that they needed him for everything. (John 15:5)
5. We need to go through Romans 7 in order to learn Romans 8.
6. When a person remains seated doing nothing they seem to be adequate but when they get up and start doing something they realize they can do nothing.
7. Evangelism will reveal our inadequacy like nothing else.
8. The kingdom of heaven is the inheritance of the poor in spirit.
9. To think we are adequate in ourselves makes us unfit for the kingdom.
10. Pride is the great sin committed in the garden.
11. Recognizing our spiritual poverty is the first step to victory.
10. I used to think the Christian life was a series of steps on a ladder.
 - a. Evil thoughts.
 - b. Lying.
 - c. Lust.

d. Anger, etc. needed to be conquered one at a time.

c. As we get victory one by one we become strong.

d. But things I thought I had victory over years ago have a way of cropping up again and again.

e. I never become strong in myself; I only become strong in Christ.

II. We need to be born along by the hand of the Lord.

A. If you think you are inadequate that's a beautiful place to begin, hold on to that.