

Accurately Assess Yourself

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4 Wrong Places People Look For Happiness

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Matthew 5:1-12--Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The 8 Secrets

- #1. _____ -- Blessed are the poor in spirit.
- #2. _____ -- Blessed are those who mourn.
- #3. _____ -- Blessed are the meek.
- #4. _____ -- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- #5. _____ -- Blessed are the merciful.
- #6. _____ -- Blessed are the pure in heart
- #7. _____ -- Blessed are the Peacemakers.
- #8. _____ -- Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness.

Guiding Principles

1. The Beatitudes describe the _____ of normal _____.
2. Every Beatitude is to be _____ out by every _____.
3. None of the Beatitudes are _____.
4. The Beatitudes serve as a _____ to see if we are really _____.
5. Jesus listed the Beatitudes in _____.

Secret #1: Accurately Assess Yourself

1. I realize that I am _____ in _____.

Philippians 2:5f--Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus...

Galatians 2:20--...crucified with Christ...

Matthew 16:24f--...deny himself...

See also **Luke 18:9-14**.

2. I realize that I am totally _____ upon God and desperately _____ Him.

See **Matthew 19:16-30**.

3. I realize that _____, selflessness, and _____ will allow God to _____ in my life and _____ through me toward others.

Here's How I Must Prioritize the 1st Beatitude in My Life

1. _____. Lord empty me of me.
2. _____. I will never mature beyond the 1st Beatitude.
3. _____ my _____ through Bible study and fellowship.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What problems does selfishness cause? How do you see this played out in our society? What does Jesus say about this and how is the life He prescribes different than self-centered living?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. In what ways can you live out the first Beatitude on a daily basis? And in what ways will this lead to happiness?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.