

The Beatitudes – The Road To Happiness #1

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Matthew 5:1-3 (NIV) 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."

- The beatitudes are a _____ that will positively impact our lives.
- God's blessings are _____ and do not change even when our lives are thrown into utter chaos.
- Apart from Jesus we are _____
- The problem with pride is that it _____ to reality.

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV) ⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Revelation 3:17 (NIV) You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Revelation 2:9 (NIV) I know your afflictions and your poverty--yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

- Pride says I _____ God
- Insecurity says I _____ God
- When we have humility we view life from _____
_____.
- We are _____ from insecurity because we know how much _____.

July memory verse: Colossians 3:17 (NIV) whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.