

# Admit Your Mistakes

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**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. Respect Others -- Blessed are the meek.
- #4. Do the Right Thing -- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- #5. Forgive -- Blessed are the merciful.
- #6. \_\_\_\_\_ -- Blessed are the pure in heart
- #7. Promote Peace -- 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 lived out by every Christian.
3. None of the Beatitudes are natural tendencies.
4. The Beatitudes serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ to see if we are really \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus listed the Beatitudes in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Secret #2: Admit Your Mistakes

## What Does it Mean to Mourn?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ heart wrenching \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ sin and it's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ sin for what it is.

## Why Mourn?

1. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God.  
See Isaiah 59:2.
2. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
See John 8:34.
3. Sin causes \_\_\_\_\_.  
See 1 Corinthians 8:9.
4. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts.  
See Hebrews 3:13.
5. Sin brings \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Romans 6:23; James 1:13ff.

## How Do I Apply This Secret to My Life?

1. Feel genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ God.  
See Luke 22:54-62.
2. Have the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ sin.  
See Psalm 32:1-11; Psalm 51.
3. Follow God's plan for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
See 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 John 1:9.

## Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so difficult for people to admit their mistakes? Why do many minimize the importance of obeying God?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. How can we develop a personal "heart-set" of true sorrow for sin? And why will this bring us happiness?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.