

# “Beautiful Attitudes”

Based on Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

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*Mat. 5:3-11*

*3 (Jesus says,) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*

*10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”*

† **Jesus is challenging the very selfishness that determines so much of my behavior.**

† **In order to reach my full potential in life, I am going to run into hard times.**

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† **It takes some rough spots in my life to make my life better.**

† **It is when I reveal a “Beautiful Attitude” that I am most open to God.**

† **Jesus is not teaching me to always be this way.**

† **What Jesus is doing is giving his blessing to those who are experiencing one of these conditions for they are on their way to knowing God better.**

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† **God is there to open up the shut gates in my life, if I let Him.**

## **Applying Today’s Message to My Life:**

† What rough time am I now facing?

† How am I being open to God during this rough time?

† When has a rough time in my life made me more open to God?

† How have I closed myself off to God (been stuck on the wrong side of “the gate”) during rough times in my life?

† Who is someone who has revealed a “Beautiful Attitude” (Beatitude) to me and God is working through me for them?