

**PREREQUISITES  
FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL  
PERSON**

# THE SUCCESSFUL PERSON:

A UNIQUE DESIGN	PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY	DEVELOPING MEEKNESS	A FORGIVING SPIRIT	RENEWING YOUR MIND	DEVELOPING TRANSPARENCY	DEVELOPING A SPIRITUAL APPETITE	STANDING ALONE
<p>Realize personal worth by <u>discerning God's unique design.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledge any resentment toward God for the way He made you.</li> <li>2. Ask for forgiveness.</li> <li>3. Based on His Word, thank Him for the way He has made us thus far.</li> <li>4. Purpose to become the person God wants you to be.</li> <li>5. Concentrate on developing God's inward ideal.</li> <li>6. Begin to help others and share with them what God has done for you.</li> </ol> <p>Ps. 139:14-16 Eph. 2:10</p>	<p>Stabilize one's personal faith by a broken will and mature attitudes in responding to God's <u>principle of authority.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledge that God is bigger than your authority. (Prov. 21:1)</li> <li>2. Differentiate position from personality.</li> <li>3. Understand God's use of chain-of-command in developing mature attitudes.</li> <li>4. Discern the basic intentions of those in authority.</li> <li>5. Learn to develop creative alternatives.</li> <li>6. Develop confidence in God's ability to change decisions and commands.</li> </ol> <p>Rom. 13:1-2 Eph. 6:1-3</p>	<p>Allow God to work supernaturally by <u>yielding ownership of all property and possessions to Him.</u></p> <p><u>Overcoming Anger:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discern the denied rights which caused you to become angry.</li> <li>2. Commit each right to Jesus Christ.</li> <li>3. Realize that God will test "His rights".</li> <li>4. Learn God's response to the loss of rights.</li> </ol> <p><u>Overcoming Worry:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yield all you possess to Him. Therefore He's primarily responsible.</li> <li>2. He will only allow situations to occur which will produce greater future benefits than present losses.</li> <li>3. Thank God ahead of time for the situations which occur beyond your control.</li> </ol> <p>Phil. 2:5-9 (Living Letters)</p>	<p>Turn <u>wounds and offenses</u> into an opportunity to communicate the love of Christ.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledge your bitterness to God.</li> <li>2. List the faults of those who have wronged you.</li> <li>3. Fully forgive them for their offenses.</li> </ol> <p>-----</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand God's purpose for wounds and offenses.</li> <li>2. Thank God for the source of the wound and offense.</li> <li>3. If the offense stirred up a negative trait, acknowledge.</li> <li>4. If I'm not responsible for the offense, I'm free to reflect God's qualities.</li> </ol> <p>1 Pet. 2:19-25</p>	<p>Gaining a <u>pure heart</u> by allowing Scripture into expression of your thoughts and emotions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set aside a specific time each week to memorize.</li> <li>2. Select a key section of Scripture related to personal needs.</li> <li>3. Write the verses memorized on a card.</li> <li>4. For next 3 days during your spare thought time, repeat the verses from memory.</li> <li>5. For the last three days begin to personalize the verses by quoting them in the first person singular.</li> <li>6. Exchange your thoughts for God's thoughts. Allow His Word to renew your mind.</li> </ol> <p>Josh. 1:8 Ps. 1:2-3</p>	<p>Develop the quality of transparency by gaining and maintaining a <u>clear conscience</u> toward others and God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List the wrongs you've done toward another in order of importance.</li> <li>2. Overcome rationalizations that hinder you from making things right.</li> <li>3. Be fully confident that God's solutions done God's way will always get His response.</li> <li>4. Comprehend how your wrongs have affected the other person's life.</li> <li>5. Know the right wording and communicate your sincerity in asking forgiveness.</li> <li>6. Ask forgiveness of each one wronged.</li> <li>7. Be ready to make any future wrongs right as soon as possible.</li> </ol> <p>1 Tim. 1:5, 18-19</p>	<p>Discover purpose and fulfillment in life by <u>obeying the impulses of the Holy Spirit</u> through Scripture and prayer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accept God's Word as basis for my authority of how to live.</li> <li>2. Have a systematic plan to read and study God's Word.</li> <li>3. Know how to spend a day in the Word.</li> </ol> <p><u>*Developing Sensitivity</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Experience the value of prayer and fasting.</li> </ol> <p>John 15:7</p>	<p>Overcome the fear of people by learning to <u>stand alone</u> on the side of right.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Realize that God's ways are a superior way of life.</li> <li>2. Be willing to verbally identify with Jesus Christ whenever I am tempted to compromise.</li> <li>3. Recognize that key to right friends is to be willing to have right kind of enemies.</li> <li>4. Realize that anyone who won't accept me with my commitment to Christ will reject me and thus were "using" me.</li> </ol> <p>Luke 6:22-23</p>

**AN**  
**INTRODUCTION**

# THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE

☐ *Success in the Christian life is not an accident. It is a direct result of living in harmony with the basic principles of life set forth in Scripture.*

- JESUS CHRIST'S FIRST STAFF MEETING

The underlying principles to Jesus Christ's first words to his disciples are the keys to becoming a successful person. The average person today is not living nor experiencing a meaningful and purposeful life. Instead, there are conflicts in practically every relationship of his life (e.g. God, parents, partner, friends, employer, children).

- A HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL LIFE IS POSSIBLE !

Jesus said, *"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."* John 10:10b

He also said, *"Whoso drinketh of the water that I give him, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."*  
John 4:4

David said of the Lord, *"Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance."* Acts 2:28

- AN "INWARD IDEAL"

Real outward success in a person's life is a by-product of inner achievement. God is seeking to develop an "inward ideal" that is comprised of eight qualities. As an individual applies the basic principles of Scripture to his life, these qualities are developed from within. The result is a transformed life that reflects the love of Jesus Christ in his words, attitudes and actions.

# RELATIVE OR ABSOLUTE?

Jesus Christ wants to relive His life all over again through us. To the degree that we respond to God, people and the circumstances around us in the same way Jesus Christ would have responded to them, we become more like Him!

THE BASIC ISSUE IS NOT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME BUT HOW I RESPOND TO WHAT GOD ALREADY KNEW WOULD HAPPEN TO ME.



If I react to my situations based on how I think or how I feel



the result is conflicts.



If I respond to the situation from God's point of view



the result is a conformity to the image of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8: 28 - 29:

*"For we know that all things work together for the good to them who love God . . .*

*. . . that we might be conformed to the image of His Son."*

Jesus Christ called his disciples to a NEW WAY OF LIFE in which the underlying principles of the Beatitudes are NOT OPTIONAL but are ABSOLUTE. This is true for every individual who will follow Him and who wants to be completely successful as a Christian!

# A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

☐ MAN CAN ONLY GIVE PHYSICAL LIFE -

BUT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE SPIRITUAL LIFE !

It is easy to purpose to follow Jesus Christ as a way of life as long as it is convenient and all goes well. But it is entirely another matter when, to acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord (boss) of my life means to obey Him regardless of the circumstances. This cannot be done without the power of God in my life.

☐ GOD'S PLAN :

*We aren't saved from sin's grasp  
by knowing (intellectual knowledge)  
the commandments of God, because  
we can't and don't keep them . . .*

*But God put into effect a different plan  
to save us. He sent His own Son in a human  
body like ours - except that ours is sinful -  
and destroyed sin's control over us by giving  
Himself as a sacrifice for sins.*

*So now we can obey God's laws if we follow  
after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey  
the old evil nature within us.*

Romans 8:3,4 (Living Bible)


# TWO BIRTHS!

## PHYSICAL

A person is physically born into this world

## SPIRITUAL

he personally receives the Spirit of God into his spirit to take control of his life.

BUT he is not spiritually born until 

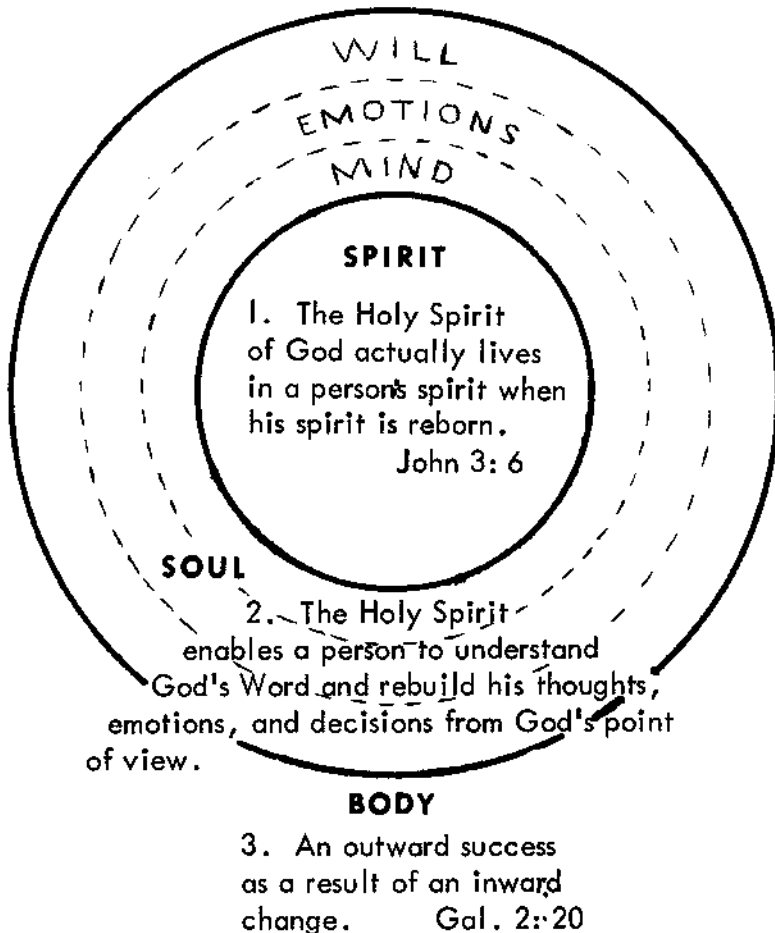
Jesus replied, "With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God."  
John 3:3 (Living Bible)

## EACH PERSON MUST MAKE A DECISION:

"To as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God."  
John 1:12

Jesus said, "It is the Spirit who gives (eternal) life, the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life."  
John 6: 63

## A NEW BIRTH!



"MAN CAN ONLY REPRODUCE HUMAN LIFE  
but  
THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES NEW LIFE FROM HEAVEN."  
John 3: 6 (Living Bible)

### Related Scriptures:

1. Spirit - Rom. 8:16; Prov. 20:27; John 4:24; I Cor. 15:45; Heb. 4:12; Gal. 5:16-18
2. Soul - Matt. 11:29; I Peter 4:19; Phil. 2:5-8; Is. 55:8-11
3. Body - Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:20; II Cor. 4:10; Phil 1:20-21; Rom. 12:1-2

# THREE WORLDS

☐ A person's life is composed of three parts: a spirit (spiritual), soul (psychological), and body (physical). These operate on three independent systems, yet are interrelated and have a significant relationship to one another.

## GOD'S ORDER:

- A relationship with Him in which His Word and principles are the foundation and basis for living.
- The mind, emotions and will are related to God's thought patterns thus rebuilding our minds, emotions and will to think His thoughts, refocus on His emotions and make decisions based on His Word.
- The physical is brought into under control of the spiritual principles; the result is a proper balance and freedom which enables the person to live in harmony with God's principles. The actions and attitudes communicate inner motivation of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:21,22)

SPIRIT	Sensitivity to truth SPIRITUAL SYSTEM "FAITH" Conscience
SOUL	Mind Emotions Will PSYCHOLOGICAL SYSTEM "LOGIC"
BODY	Sight Sound Taste Touch Smell NERVOUS SYSTEM "SENSES"

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit, and (whole) Soul, and (whole) Body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23



# VIOLATING GOD'S ORDER

Most people are unaware there is a force within each human being which God calls a "LOWER NATURE." To ignore the God-shaped vacuum within that causes a man to search for meaning and purpose, and to seek instead to fill the life with "what I want" or to react to life because this is "what I think," or "how I feel," will result in experiencing the consequences of violating God's spiritual order. These frustrations are clearly described by the Apostle Paul in Romans 7:15-25.

VISIBLE SYMPTOMS

RESULTING CONFLICTS

<p>SPIRIT</p>	<p>A "facade" of spirituality, or the rejection of God and a spiritual world.</p> <p>"LAW OF GOD"</p>	<p>Pride/ critical spirit                  Anger/ anxious spirit                  Resentments/bitter spirit                  Moral impurity/ sensual spirit                  Guilt/ condemning spirit                  Apathetic spirit                  Lack of meaningful prayer life                  Lack of purpose in life                  Compromise, fear</p>
<p>SOUL                  (Mind, Will and Emotions)</p>	<p>A facade of intellectualism, approaching issues of life on a philosophical basis.</p> <p>"LAW OF THE MIND"</p>	<p>The natural inclinations are the opposite of the spiritual principles. When the above principles are violated, an inner tension and turmoil result. Often times this will result in a "nervous breakdown."</p>
<p>BODY</p>	<p>Physical</p> <p>"LAW IN MY MEMBERS"</p>	<p>The physical and sensual drives dominate the individual. He is thus controlled by his sensual drives in his "lower nature."</p>

# **VIOLATED LAWS**

A person naturally gives much attention to the physical and psychological areas of his life. However, the most essential aspect of a man, his spiritual life, has been neglected. Before he realizes it, a deterioration of his spiritual life results in broken lives, marriages and families.

## CONSEQUENCES WHEN PHYSICAL LAWS ARE VIOLATED :

There are physical laws which govern the universe as well as the physical life of the individual.

IT MATTERS NOT  
WHETHER YOU  
KNOW THEM, THE  
CONSEQUENCES  
ARE THE SAME !

Whether a person has a degree in physics or knows nothing of the law of gravity, if he willfully or accidentally violates gravity from the top of a 20 story building, the same consequences result.

In the same manner, if a person neglects to feed his body food, the result will be illness; if he continues to neglect the physical law that a body needs food, death will be the consequence.

## CONSEQUENCES WHEN PSYCHOLOGICAL LAWS ARE VIOLATED :

THERE IS MORE  
THAN ONE LOGICAL  
WAY TO DEAL WITH  
A SUBJECT OR  
SITUATION.

A person has basic intellectual and emotional needs as well as the ability to make the right decisions for a successful life. The mind calls for a "logical" approach and explanation in relating to life. Though a specific approach and conclusion may seem right at the time when confronted with a situation, if the insight is contrary to God's solution to the problem the ultimate results will manifest themselves in mental confusion, emotional disorders, wrong decisions.


AN EXAMPLE OF WRONG LOGIC evidenced in many lives: I reason, "God made everything. He has allowed everything to happen. There are some things that I wish hadn't happened to me. Therefore, I can't trust God with my whole life."

🔴 CONSEQUENCES WHEN SPIRITUAL LAWS ARE VIOLATED :

A foundational principle of God's Word is that an individual is personally responsible for his thoughts, attitudes and actions. Society today has deceived a person into thinking that the "problems" he is experiencing are the fault of others who were the "cause" of the difficulty. Society's assumption is that if the person understands (mentally) why he is acting the way he is then hopefully he will be able to cope emotionally with the situation and make a better decision next time.


A person will say "I know (intellectually) I'm bitter, but I can't get rid of it !" The Scriptures point out - "a wounded spirit, who can bear it ?"

THE FOLLOWING PAGES EXPLAIN AND ILLUSTRATE THE BASIC SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH A SUCCESSFUL LIFE IS BUILT SO THAT WE MIGHT ACCOMPLISH OUR ULTIMATE GOAL:



"We are asking God THAT YOU MAY SEE THINGS, AS IT WERE, FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper. As you live this new life, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through any experience and endure it with joy. You will even be able to thank God in the midst of pain and distress because you are privileged to share the lot of those who are living in the light."

Colossians 1: 9-13 (Phillips)



**THE  
BEATITUDES**

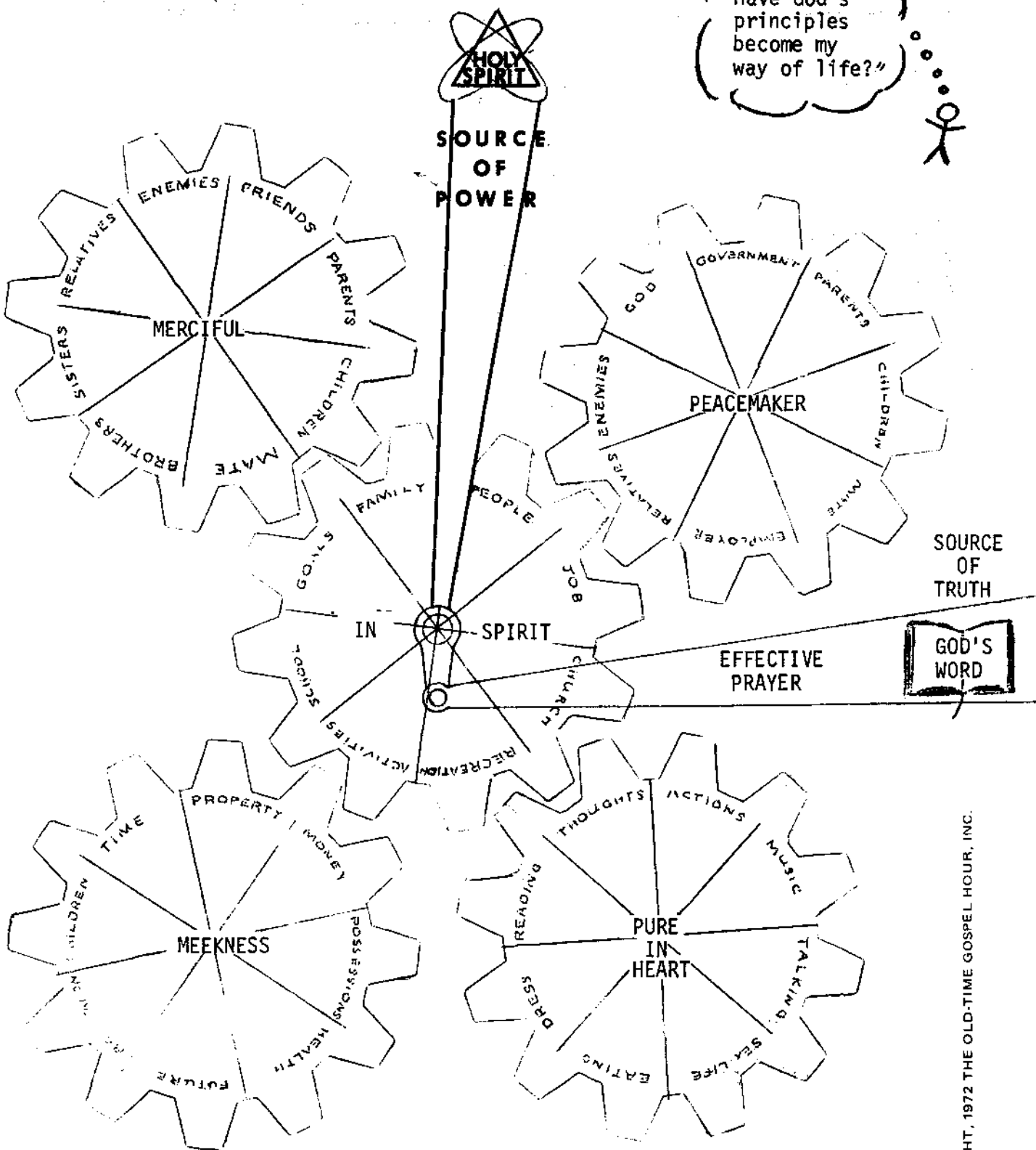
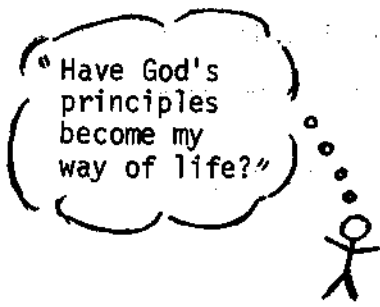
# T H E B E A T I T U D E S

## DEFINITION OF

BEATITUDE	EXPLANATION	UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE	CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATION	RESULTS
POOR IN SPIRIT	One who has surrendered his will to God and by faith has put Christ first in his life.	Salvation A Unique Design Understand The Principle of Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separation from God (Rom. 6:23)</li> <li>• Critical Spirit/Pride (Prov. 13:10; 29:23)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eternal life</li> <li>2. Mature attitudes in understanding yourself from God's point of view</li> </ol>
MEEKNESS	One who has submissively yielded ownership to all his earthly possessions, and who views them as temporarily loaned to him by God.	Developing Meekness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stubborn/Rebellious Spirit (I Sam. 15:23)</li> <li>• Anxious Spirit (Phil. 4:6)</li> <li>• Angry Spirit (Eph. 4:30-32; Prov. 14:17)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power to supernaturally live by faith</li> <li>2. Ability to claim God's promises.</li> <li>3. Victory over anger and worry</li> </ol>
MERCIFUL	One who is sympathetic, projects love, and genuinely forgives those who offend him.	The Spirit of Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wounded Spirit (Prov. 18:14)</li> <li>• Root of Bitterness (Heb. 12:15)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power to understand God's love</li> <li>2. Freedom to communicate God's love</li> </ol>
PURE IN HEART	One who has cleansed his heart by allowing the Holy Spirit to control his mental, emotional, and physical activity.	Renewing Your Mind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impure Thought Life (Rom. 1:28)</li> <li>• Sensuality (Jude 17:19)</li> <li>• Uncontrollable Drives (I Thess. 4:28)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Self control Spiritually, mentally, and physically</li> <li>2. View life through God's eyes</li> </ol>

<p>PEACEMAKER</p>	<p>One who is willing to admit he is wrong and to ask forgiveness of all whom he has offended.</p>	<p>Becoming Trans-parent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judgmental Attitude (Rom. 2:1)</li> <li>• Guilt/Inward Distress (Rom. 7:15, 17)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projecting genuine Christian love</li> <li>2. Achieving inward peace</li> <li>3. Having a conscience free of offense</li> <li>4. Assuming full responsibility for my thoughts and behavior</li> </ol>
<p>HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS</p>	<p>One who desires to please the Lord to such a degree that his goals to make every principle of Scripture a natural part of his life.</p>	<p>A Systematic Plan For Studying God's Word</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emptiness/ Vacuum (Nah. 2:10)</li> <li>• Unconcerned Spiritual Attitude (I Cor. 3:1,2)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased prayer</li> <li>2. Satisfied Spirit</li> <li>3. Spiritual Growth</li> </ol>
<p>MOURN</p>	<p>One with a compassionate heart that is sensitive to the Spiritual and physical needs of others.</p>	<p>A Meaningful Prayer-Developing Projects to Meet the Needs of Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of Vision (Prov. 29:18)</li> <li>• Insensitive/Frivolous Spirit (Eph. 5:4)</li> <li>• Unanswered Prayers (Js. 4:2,3)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A life with a purpose</li> <li>2. Ability to be creative</li> <li>3. Supernatural results through prayer</li> </ol>
<p>PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE</p>	<p>One who is not afraid to share his faith and convictions with others. He recognizes that those who will not accept him with Jesus as Lord of his life will reject him.</p>	<p>Standing Alone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit of Fear (II Tim. 1:7,8)</li> <li>• Loss of Will Power (Rom. 7:18)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Boldness in witnessing</li> <li>2. A special reward in heaven</li> </ol>

# THE INNER MAN



**THE RESULT: A RADIANT LIFE AND WITNESS !!**  
 II Cor. 4:7-12 (Phillips)

# PERSONAL EVALUATION

IF THE "GEARS" ARE "JAMMED,"  
 1) prayerfully read through and identify the areas listed. 2) Circle the areas that need improvement. 3) Purpose to deal specifically with each area.

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE	AREAS AFFECTED	SPECIFIC GOALS FOR IMPROVEMENT
<p><input type="checkbox"/> POOR IN SPIRIT</p> <p><u>DOES JESUS CHRIST CONTROL EACH AREA OF MY LIFE ?</u></p>	<p>Private life</p> <p>Marriage</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Vocation</p> <p>Recreation</p> <p>Church</p> <p>School</p> <p>Goals</p> <p>Other _____</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> MEEKNESS</p> <p><u>HAVE I YIELDED ALL PERSONAL RIGHTS TO GOD ?</u></p>	<p>Time (schedule)</p> <p>Property</p> <p>Money</p> <p>Possessions</p> <p>Health</p> <p>Future</p> <p>Reputation</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Business</p>	



UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE	AREAS AFFECTED SPECIFIC GOALS FOR IMPROVEMENT
<p>☐ MERCIFUL</p> <p><u>HAVE I FORGIVEN ALL THOSE WHO I FEEL HAVE WRONGED ME ?</u></p>	<p>Parents</p> <p>Mate</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Brothers</p> <p>Sisters</p> <p>Relatives</p> <p>Friends</p> <p>Enemies</p> <p>Employer</p> <p>Others _____</p>
<p>☐ PURE IN HEART</p> <p><u>HAVE I BROUGHT MY MOTIVES AND PHYSICAL DRIVES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ?</u></p>	<p>Thoughts/Imagination</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Conversation</p> <p>Eating</p> <p>Sex Life</p> <p>Dress</p> <p>Reading Materials</p> <p>Other _____</p>

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<p data-bbox="289 430 500 472">☐ PEACEMAKER</p> <p data-bbox="261 625 610 758"><u>HAVE I MADE ALL PERSONAL WRONGS RIGHT WITH THOSE WHOM I'VE OFFENDED?</u></p>	<p data-bbox="797 436 854 468">God</p> <p data-bbox="797 499 967 531">Government</p> <p data-bbox="797 562 919 594">Parents</p> <p data-bbox="797 625 870 657">Mate</p> <p data-bbox="797 688 935 720">Children</p> <p data-bbox="797 751 951 783">Employers</p> <p data-bbox="797 814 951 846">Relatives</p> <p data-bbox="797 877 919 909">Enemies</p> <p data-bbox="797 940 1065 1014">Past friends and relationships</p> <p data-bbox="797 1045 1049 1077">Present friends</p> <p data-bbox="797 1108 1049 1140">Other _____</p>	