# FRUITS OF THE BEATITUDES...

The ATTITUDES of Jesus that produce the CHARACTER of Jesus

## **ATTRIBUTE** (You)

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#### **PURE IN HEART > > > LOVE**

#### Desire to be blameless

- Be free of selfish intentions
- Singleness of focus to please God
  - Develop a right spirit
- Be transparent with no hidden motives Accept God's refining fire/pruning Keep your thoughts/desires pure Keep your promises; Have integrity
  - Seek God with your whole heart

#### POOR IN SPIRIT > > > JOY

- Become a humble person 2 Have a contrite heart 2 Recognize you are helpless spiritually 2 Be grieved about your sins/condition Free yourself of self-righteousness
- Be aware of my unworthiness/inadeauacies Cry out for God's mercy
  - Rid yourself of pride
  - Recognize your spiritual poverty

Grieve over my sins 3 Crying releases emotional burdens 3 God promises life in your afflictions 3 Repent of your sins Pain may be about my issues Godly grief produces repentance When you share your arief, it is halved Comfort those who need comfort Mourning will be wiped away

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Develop a selfless love 11 21 Love covers all offenses 21 Love your neighbor as yourself 21 Love is the highest goal to have for your life Be glad for your salvation/deliverance A joyful heart is good medicine God will give you more grace God has plans for your welfare 12 Deliverance from your enemies See God work in your struggles/hardships

Bear no arudae: Love sacrificially

Lav down your life for your friends

Do good to your enemies

Others' needs are areater than your own

Love God with all your heart, mind, soul

- 22 God will wipe away your tears 22 Knowing you are saved from Hell
- 22 The Holy Spirit will be your counselor

#### **MOURNING** > > > **PEACE**

- Not an enemy of God God heals the brokenhearted Don't be anxious; God will provide 13 Be at peace with God 13 Be content with what you have
  - God will comfort you in your trials 23 Jesus' voke is easy, burden is light
  - 23 Desire to live at peace with everyone
  - 23 Keep your mind stayed on God

#### The key to the fruitful life is to remain in the "true vine" (John 15:5). Stay connected to Jesus (being diligent in studying your Bible) and be 'aware' of the Spirit working in your life. Those who abide will "produce much fruit"—a life that will glorify God, and one that He will be 'happy' with and bless you for. [Dates: 10, 20, 30].

# **ACTION** (Others)

#### PERSECUTED > > > PATIENCE

- Don't fight against evil: Turn other cheek 4 Hardship stimulates resolve, support 4 God will strengthen you in your trials 4 Don't be surprised by confrontations 14 God will rescue you in your trials 14 Godliness generates antagonism, reaction 14 Trials test, strenathen, mature your faith
- Don't compromise Biblical principles Be hold for Jesus: Don't be ashamed

#### MERCIFUL > > > KINDNESS

- God's mercy withholds just punishment 5 Do good to your enemies; Forgive Make allowances for others' faults 5 Benefits others, as well as yourself Not aetting something bad you do deserve 5 Getting something good you don't deserve Forgive others as God forgave you God will repay you for your generosity 15 Do good to those in need It's more blessed to give than receive Have benevolent, tender concern for all
  - Mercy helps heal wounds 25 Soften the harshness around you
  - Mercy triumphs over judgement Be genuinely compassionate to others
    - Be a "Good Samaritan"

#### **RIGHTEOUSNESS** >>> **GOODNESS**

- Being right with God: Free from sin's power 6 Desire to be blameless; Speak thoughtfully 6 Diligently avoid sinning 6
  - Have a hunger to know God
  - Help deliver others from oppression
  - Humbly seek God's continual presence Desire to please God: Do His will Desire holiness more than indulgence Totally surrender to Jesus' Lordship
- God's agal for the Christian is to conform us into the likeness of lesus—in our character, conversations, and conduct-such that when we meet someone they sense that they have experienced the love of lesus! [Dates: 10, 20, 30].

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# **ATTITUDE** (Jesus)

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#### **PEACEMAKER** > > > **FAITHFULNESS**

#### Resolve conflicts: Reconcile adversaries 7

- Jesus reconciled you to God 7
- Help people get right with God 17
- Resolve problems with God's truth Faithfully bring forth justice Desire to live in peace with everyone

#### MEEKNESS > > > GENTLENESS

- Forego your rights to benefit others 8 Have a tender heart and a tough skin 8 Get rid of all filthy wickedness 8
- Righteous anger; Tender without surrender
- Be slow to speak, quick to listen Bear no arudaes: Don't defend vourself Give preference to others; Be gracious Don't cave in on your convictions Show perfect courtesy toward all people

### **INSULTED** > > **SELF-CONTROL**

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- Don't be shocked: Develops your character 9 Never pay back evil with more evil
- Entrust yourself to God, Who judges justly 9
- Refuse to retaliate: God will repay
- Suffering for Jesus has great spiritual value God will give you joy during afflictions
- God uses this to fashion you for His Kinadom Greater the insults, the greater the rewards Focus on Heaven and eternal blessings
- Seek God's wisdom for how to react React to stressful situations slowly Relinguish your will to the Holy Spirit
- Frees you from a quilty conscience
- Control your focus: Master your feelings
- 29 Practice self-denial, self-sacrifice
- 29 Gain control by surrendering control to God

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" [2 Corinthians 9:6]. It's been said that if you "Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an action and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny." That would be eternity in Heaven with God! [Dates: 10, 20, 30].

- Unite the divided, promote understanding Fix the problem, not the blame
  - Peace is the presence of righteousness
    - Think of others better than yourself

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- Not weak: Strength under control Be clear about the holiness of God Correct others with easiness 18
  - A soft answer turns away wrath
    - Gentle speech breaks down rigid defenses

God will work everything out for good

God blesses the faithful servant

Show your faith by your works

You walk by faith, not by sight

27 Rely upon God for your moral convictions

27 Be trustworthy, loyal, and dependable

27 Imitate Jesus' faithfulness (the Cross)

Have a strong sense of duty

Imitate God's faithfulness to you to others

- 28 Free of malice and a condescendina spirit
- 28 Don't be divisive; Accept correction 28 Have a quiet, peaceable spirit

- The body is a good servant but bad master
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- RUITSOF 29 Gives you liberty to live God's plans for you

- Your good works demonstrate your faith Goodness is virtue and holiness in action
- 26 Look for ways to benefit others
- 26 Yielding to the Spirit produces goodness
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25 Lend, expecting nothing in return

25 Evidence of the Holy Spirit working in you

- Hold fast to what is good Diligently seeking to do good receives favor Alleviate suffering and mitigate wrongs God's goodness is expressed through you

Don't act hastily: Have controlled restraint

Don't give up: You will reap in due season

God was patient with you; Do so to others

God will reward you for enduring /doing right

Be steadfast in difficult circumstances

Slow to anaer aujets contention

24 Endurance produces character, hope

24 Steadfastness produces strong faith

24 Don't avenae vourself: God will handle it

- 26 Develop a pure and virtuous character