

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY SEPT 18, 2016



OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE!

Sunday Night Electives

Begin Sept 11

5:00 p.m.

#1: Balancing Busy Schedules with God's priorities

Brad Rickman

#2: Training Kids God's way

Mitchell Mellor

#3. Speaking for the Master

Brent Hunter

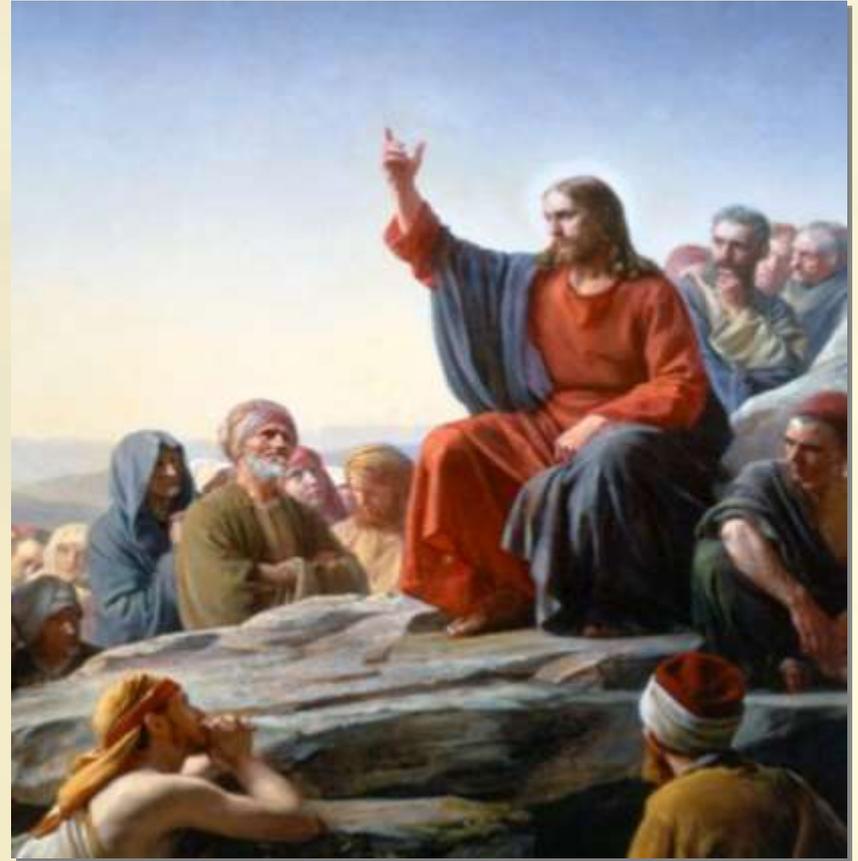
Sunday Fall pm classes

An aerial photograph of a vast, green, rolling landscape, likely a field or meadow. The terrain is covered in low-lying vegetation and small shrubs. The title 'THE BEATITUDES' is centered in the middle of the image in a large, white, serif font with a slight drop shadow. Below the word 'BEATITUDES', there is a decorative, stylized flourish in a light green color.

THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes

The Key to
developing “**the
mind of Christ**”
(Phil 2:5).



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The Beatitudes

The key to learning
how to **BE** and
avoid hypocrisy.



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The Beatitudes



Mount
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3 " Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

The Beatitudes



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7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

THESIS:

- 1. Why is this first?**
- 2. What does it mean?**
- 3. The importance of humility.**
- 4. Take away assignment.**



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Blessed are the Poor in Spirit



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I. WHY IS THIS FIRST?

- *The root from which all the others grow.*
- *This is laying the foundation for kingdom living.*
- *This is where Christian living begins.*

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II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What it is not....
 - Not *mock humility/self-pity*.
 - Not having no *backbone*.
 - Not *weakness/fearfulness*.

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II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- It's opposite is *pride* or *ego*.
- To be “*wealthy in spirit*” = not need God.
- To be “*poor in spirit*” = feel unworthy.
- “*Blessed are those who feel their spiritual need.*”

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II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Based upon law- *no one is righteous.*
 - Rom 3:10, 12, 23.
 - “*Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.*”
- ***Why important?***
 - *God wants of fill us up with His spirit.*
 - *Can't fill up a glass that is already full.*

Tonight: 5:00 p.m.



**“FULL OF
NOTHING”
2 KGS 4:1-7**

The Foundation Pillar of ...



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD



When we become destitute of imagined worth/value, then we can become rich in the kingdom of heaven!

The way to freedom is surrender. When we surrender all pride and self-importance: only then are we free to enjoy life as blessed citizens of Jesus' kingdom.

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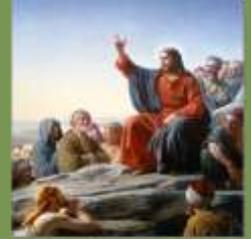
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KINGDOM OF SATAN



“Blessed are the proud in spirit.”

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”



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III. The Importance of Humility.

The Publican and the Sinner (Lk 18:9-14)



Publican = God’s Kingdom.

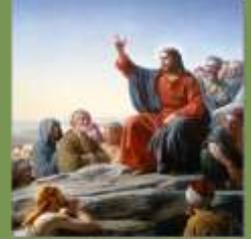
Emptied himself. *Humble.*

Pharisee = Satan’s Kingdom.

Full of himself! Pride.

“A man’s pride shall bring him low, but he that is of a *lowly spirit* shall obtain honor” (Prov 29:13).

KINGDOM LIVING



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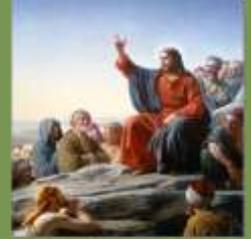
THREE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Aware of his *sins*.
2. Aware of his *unworthiness*.
3. A willingness to *admit that to God* and ask for forgiveness!



The
Publican

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Why is Pride so dangerous?

1. It ruins everything it touches!
2. It destroys relationships.

“God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble” (Prov 3:34, Jas 4:6, I Peter 5:5).

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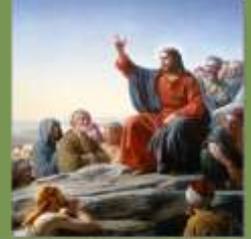
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HUMILITY



“Blessed are the Poor in Spirit”



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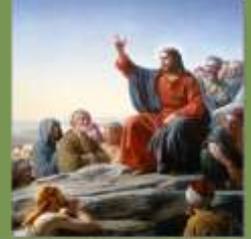
is not thinking less of yourself
but thinking of yourself less
- CS Lewis

True humility is
not how I think
about myself.
Humility is how I
think about
everyone else.

Pastor David Hansen,

@rev_david

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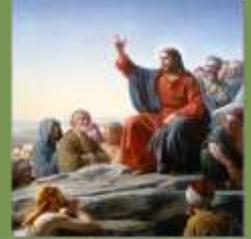


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- *Humility affects everything.*
- *Humility improves relationships.*
- *Humility looks for ways to honor and serve others*

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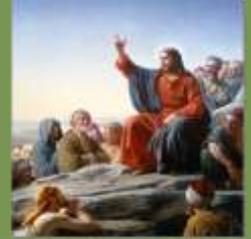


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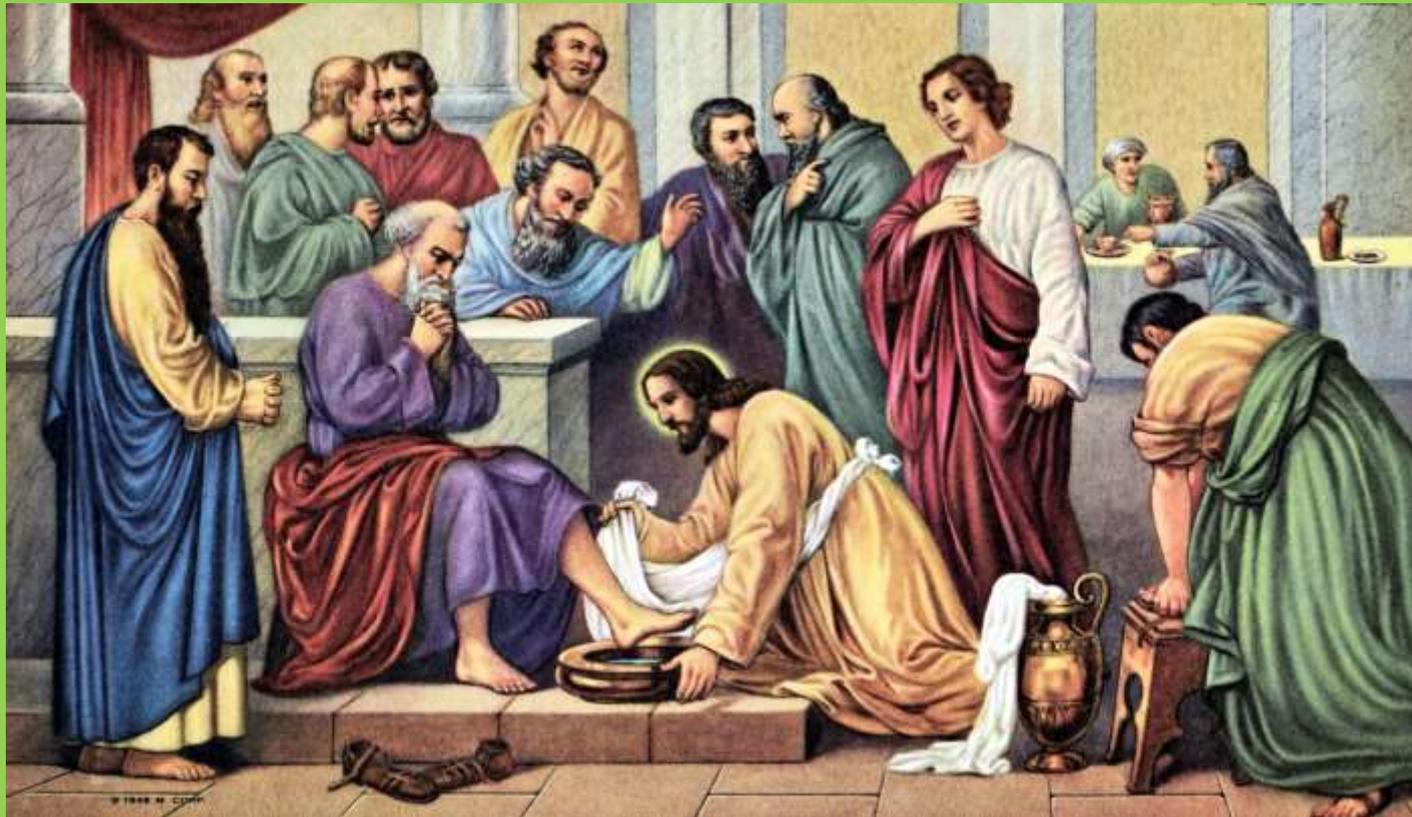
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At the last supper

“Who is going to be the greatest?”



Lk 22

Jn 13

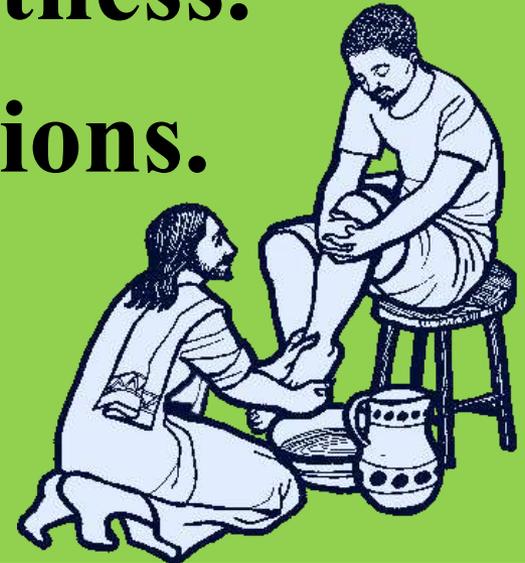
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- **IV --**
- **Don't worry about greatness.**
- **Don't worry about opinions.**
- **Focus on washing feet and serving!**



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“If one feels anything in the presence of God except an utter poverty of spirit, it means you’ve never really come to know Him.”

