

The Road to Recovery

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Eight Principles Based on the Beatitudes

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1. **R**ealize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Matthew 5:3 ¶ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2. **E**arnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

3. **C**onsciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

4. **O**penly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

5. **V**oluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

6. **E**valuate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

7. **R**eserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.

8. **Y**ield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.

Matthew 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.