

GOOD GRIEF

September 6, 2020 Matthew 5:1-12

“Good grief, Charlie Brown.” Jesus said it is good to grieve. For macho men the words of Jesus make no sense. They sound like words for losers. Are not the persecuted losers? Why don't they fight back? Things are different in God's kingdom. Jesus sat down to teach. **Do you want God's blessing on your life?**

1. I am spiritually bankrupt – Matthew 5:3 “Poor in spirit.”

- If you don't get this, nothing else makes sense.
- I go to church. My father was a pastor. I help widows & orphans.
- The call of Isaiah, Isaiah 6:1-8. See God for who He is & see yourself as a sinner. Romans 3:23
- The Pharisee and the Tax-collector. Luke 18:10-14
- John the Baptist vs. King Solomon.
- “The Applause of Heaven” by Max Lucado.
- Only when you see your sin, will God's grace be truly amazing.
- We have a desperate need for God!!!

2. Grieve your sin – Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are those who mourn.”

- When you see your sin and how it offends a holy God: REPENT!
- It's so easy to sin. Amen?
- To repent is to sorrow over your sin.
- To repent is to ask forgiveness. I John 1:9
- To repent is to change with God's help because we hunger and thirst for righteousness. Math. 5:6 I want to be like Jesus, pure in heart.
- Then we grieve for all the broken people all around us and long to be meek peacemakers.
- Read I Corinthians 13:1-8a