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**FILLING THE EMPTY VOID
BLESSED ARE THE MEEK
(Matthew 5:5)**

Before getting into the next Beatitude, I would like to back up a bit for a context for the beatitudes and then show the relationship. God has created a God-shaped void in mankind that can only be filled with Himself, yet man has tried to fill that void with everything BUT God. People have filled that void with drugs, alcohol, sex and various forms of corruption, wealth and personal ambitions. Any such attempt has proven futile. With me working with people with drugs and alcohol addictions, I will use that group as an example. When a person gets into chemicals of any kind, he is destroying every organ in his body. In drug treatment addiction, it is called a disease. The argument normally is there are two primary views -- one it is a disease concept, second is the moral concept. Yet after a while of learning some, I concluded that there wasn't much use in the debate. When a person uses chemicals, they get sick. And after more time and experience with some, I've concluded that addiction is more of a disease or sickness than I thought. The chemical has destroyed the person's intellect, every part of the body is affected and without medical intervention the person is hopeless to a great extent. So as Christians, our lot is to help people before they get there with some kind of prevention. Yet even for those of us without addictions, we all have compulsive out of control problems that call out for intervention. I've told many in my addiction groups that you don't have to have the drugs to have problems. Life controlling problems are out there. And they cry out for greater help.

Now back to Matthew 5:5 blessed are the Meek. Now what does meek have to do with the problem above? That's why the example -- It has everything to do with it. Meekness affects every behavior of humanity. Defined, meek is the idea of being emptied of self or letting go of self and trusting the power of God. It is power under control. An example would be that of Niagara Falls. The dam holds the water back, and it produces energy for a power plant that gives electricity to millions of homes. Released that water would destroy millions of homes. Or it could be used to describe a horse that is broken and is controlled by a bridle and bit. The horse can run full force and destroy things in its path or be gentle enough to move a young calf along. It is not the idea of weakness but the idea of power under control. Again, blessed is one who has God's rule taking place.

As with our example, the addict is out of control and seeks to fill the void that God made for himself with drugs and alcohol. Staying there that addiction leads to death. Yet if he allowed the rule of God to take place, he would give God full rule and become poor in spirit, mourn over his loss, and become meek. As I've been implying when any person with any compulsive problem follows the principles in the beatitudes, God's rule will take place.

Other references: Matthew 11:29, Matthew 21:5, 1 Pet.3:4, 1 Thessalonians 2:7.
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