



MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, Matthew 5:1-16.

Step 8: The Summit, suffering for Christ, standing beside the prophets and martyrs.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. v. 10.

You're blessed when your _____ to God provokes persecution.
The persecution drives you even deeper into God's Kingdom.

Step 7: Peacemaking...a Christlike influence, calming the storms of life.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called Sons of God. v. 9.

You're blessed when you can show people how to _____ instead of compete or fight.
That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

Step 6: Heart Purity...Marking the Attainment of Higher Attitudes, where comes the vision of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God. v. 8.

You're blessed when you get your _____ world-your heart and mind- put right.
Then you can see God in the _____ world.

Step 5: Mercifulness...an Attribute of God, indicating further advance.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. v. 7.

You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-_____' you'll find yourselves cared for.

Step 4: Spiritual Appetite...Signifying Growth

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled. v. 6.

You're blessed when you've worked up a good _____ for God.
He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

Step 3: Meekness...Marking the Birth of a New Spirit

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. v. 5.

You're blessed when you're _____ with just who you are - no more, no less.
That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of _____ that can't be _____.

Step 2: Penitence...Mourning for Sin

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

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be _____
by the _____ most dear to you.

Step 1: Humility...Conscience Need

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

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your _____. With less of you there is more of _____
and His rule.

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