

Called to be Christ-like

CONTEMPLATIVE • COMPASSIONATE • COURAGEOUS

What things, experiences, leisure pursuits, people or memories make you so happy that when you think about them, you smile?

'Makarios' (Grk)

means

**'blessed, fortunate, happy -
the privileged recipient of
God's favour'**

Diocesan vision: called to be Christ- like

What kind of Church
are we called to be?

A Christ-like Church

What are the marks of
a Christ-like Church?

To be the Church of the
Beatitudes



Think of Beatitudes in two groups

1. BE-Attitudes (v1-4)

- Internal
- Our attitudes

2. DO-Attitudes (v5-8)

- External
- Our actions

First 3 Beatitudes

reflect the steps becoming a Christian

- 1. Realise** how spiritually broke we are (Poor in Spirit)
- 2. Recognise** awfulness of sin breaks our hearts (Mourn)
- 3. Resolve** to turn our life and say: I believe and allow God take control (Meekness)

BE-Attitudes (v1-4)

1st 4 Beatitudes deal with INWARD things:

1. Inside I begin to realise that I'm poor in spirit
2. Inside I mourn for my sins
3. Inside I give my life to Jesus Christ and believe in him as Saviour
4. Inside I hunger & thirst after righteousness

DO-Attitudes (v5-8)

SO, if that happens **INSIDE** me
(**ATTITUDES**),

then

my **EXTERNAL ACTIONS** will change

DO-Attitudes (v5-8)

2nd 4 Beatitudes deal with EXTERNAL things:

5. My life and actions show mercy to others
6. My life and actions are pure
7. My life and actions bring peace to others
8. My life and actions show a willingness to stand up for my faith and experience opposition

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Of these 8 qualities, which 2 do you desire most in your life?

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4. Inside I **hunger & thirst after righteousness**
5. My life and actions **show mercy to others**
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Based on the Beatitudes, is
your life shining like a 300 w
bulb? 100 watt? Nightlight?