

## **A Mourning Christian**

The principles Jesus shared in the Beatitudes clashed with the teaching of the Pharisees and Saducees who lived by rules and regulations. Sadly, they clash with worldly values today for a far different reason. People today, out of pride want personal independence and happiness at any cost. Pursuing personal needs and wants is far more important than concern for God or others, even by deception if necessary.

How do we become poor in spirit and achieve an attitude of mourning that God desires in our lives?

1. Concentrate on the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:3; Isaiah 6:1-5; John 15:5). Having a proper view of God, His majesty, sovereignty, greatness and supremacy over all things.
2. Pray and \_\_\_\_\_ for this character trait (Matthew 7:7; 21:22; John 14:13-14).
3. Starve the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5).
4. Commit yourself to a \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle (Matthew 20:27; II Timothy 1:9).
5. Be honest about \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 16:2; Jeremiah 17:9).
6. Accept trials, hardships and \_\_\_\_\_ as the means that God might use to wean you from self-dependence and pride.
7. Acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_ of everything you are and have (Psalm 24:1; Ephesians 4:6).