



How do you become a mature man?

• The Kingdom
• The order for internal development is critical
• It's character before conduct
• It's being before doing



Spiritual Secret # 1

"Blessed are the poor in spirit ..."

Matthew 5:3

Spiritual Secret # 2

"Blessed are those who mourn..."

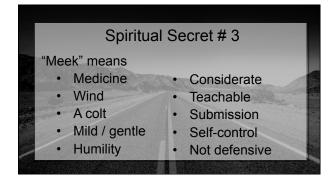
Matthew 5:4



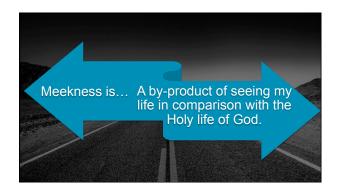
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

## Spiritual Secret # 3 "Meek" – does NOT mean • Wimpy (weakness) • Milquetoast • Spineless / pushover • Not confident • Ineffective



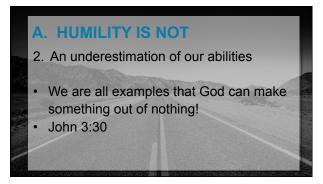






### A. HUMILITY IS NOT 1. Inferiority Remember: • We have value before coming to know Jesus • Jesus doesn't't love me more after I become a follower of Jesus!

# He took a position low in service, but high in worth. He was exalted after his death.







Matthew 21: 12

JESUS WAS NOT A WHIMP!

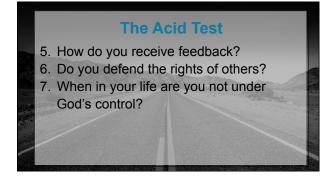
Look at the cross!

### **HUMILITY IS**

- a. A balance self-esteem
- b. Realistically evaluating our abilities
- c. Recognizing our need of God
- d. A refusal to defend one's self when treated unjustly
- e. Willing to serve others

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### The Acid Test 1. Do you exhibit self-control? 2. How do you handle anger? React or respond? 3. Are you teachable? 4. Meekness forgives and restores! Do you?





No longer shall the earth and its fears dominate us, For we follow the one who dominates the earth!

