### The Good Life ACCORDING TO THE BEATITUDES

#### IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, YOUR FOCUS HAS TO BE SO INTENSE THAT PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE CRAZY Wealthquote

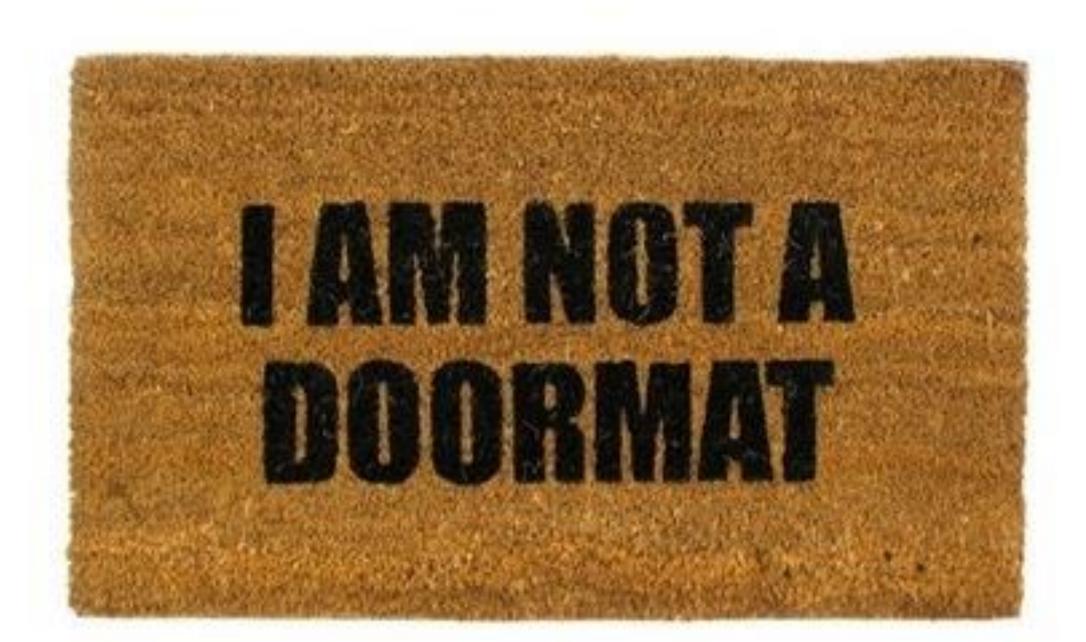
RESPECT YOURSELF ENOUGH TO SAY "I DESERVE PEACE", AND WALK AWAY FROM PEOPLE OR THINGS THAT PREVENT YOU FROM ATTAINING IT

### BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, For they will inherit the earth Matthew 5:5

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PSALM 37:10-11



Jesus had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to <u>cling to the advantages</u> <u>of that status</u> no matter what. ...He lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death...

Because of that obedience, <u>God lifted him high</u> and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ...

Excerpts of Philippians 2:5-11 (MSG)

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#### FROM THAT TIME ON JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

MATTHEW 4:17

#### THE MEEKNESS PRINCIPLE:

The good life comes when you change your mind about power and relinquish it to God (i.e. <u>repent</u>).

Only when you <u>believe</u> the good news that God's kingdom is coming and already here in Christ Jesus...

Only then are you truly free!





In a world threatened by terrorist holocaust macrocosmically and by the destruction of the family microcosmically, the great need of the age may be this Beatitude's gentle-men and gentle-women...

Though the rest of the world tells us that the real hope of the earth is the big people and the earthshakers... this Beatitude's little people may well be the hope of the earth."

#### Dale Brunner