



The Basement

## Cleaning Out the Cellar

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Matthew 5:3-10

### Don't Go Near the Basement without JESUS!

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24*

- “You Can't Handle the TRUTH...”

### Cellar Cleaning Begins with an ADMISSION...

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3*

- AGREEMENT with God is Always the Staring Point

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

### Cellar Cleaning Involves Allowing the PAIN to Surface

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

### Cellar Cleaning Means No More RATIONALIZATIONS!

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5*

# SERMON

### Cellar Cleaning Is Based on Clearing Our CONSCIENCE...

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:8*

- Sharing with a Trusted Mentor Can Be LIBERATING...

*Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. Acts 19:18*

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16*

### Cellar Cleaning Implies a Radical Hunger for GOD'S WAYS...

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6*

### Cellar Cleaning Makes Me SENSITIVE to Others

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:7,9*

### Cellar Cleaning Means I'm Committed, WHATEVER THE COST!

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10*