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THE BEATITUDES

Living right-side-up in a upside-down world

Matthew 5:1-12

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5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said:



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

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



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

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



**7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

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



9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

**10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,**

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Poor in Spirit

Key to all other Beatitudes

Essential to enter Kingdom of God



Poor in Spirit

Acknowledge spiritual bankruptcy

Confess your unworthiness before God

Place your utter dependence on God



12 Steps of AA

- 1. We admit we are powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable.**
- 2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**
- 3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.**



Poor in Spirit



I Can't, but God Can!

God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Poor in Spirit



“At every stage of our Christian development, and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is our greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.”

Poor in Spirit



How do you see yourself?

Self Reliance, Self Confidence, Self Expression

Or

Damaged, Sinful, Deceitful, Self-Centered

Poor in Spirit



Being poor in Spirit is not thinking less of yourself and your value, but thinking of yourself less.

Examples of Poor in Spirit / Humility

Moses

Peter

Gideon

Paul

Isaiah

Jesus





Poor in Spirit Is:

Absence of pride

Awareness of being nothing before God

Not relying on self or personal resources

Submitting to God – Utter dependence on God

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Step 3 – Repeat each day of your life.

**Blessed are the poor in spirit
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Matthew 5:3**



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