

The Sermon on the Mount (Part 2):

Blessed are the Poor

Text: *Matthew 5:3*

I. Introduction

1. Jesus begins to teach:
2. _____ comes before _____ in the Kingdom of God
3. Jesus explained that there are two classifications of people: the _____ and the _____

II. What Does it Mean to be *Blessed* and Happy?

"Makarios (blessed) means happy, fortunate, blissful

1. We _____ where others would be despondent
2. Kingdom People share in the _____
3. The Blessed are in a state of _____ because, through the new birth, believers have a changed _____

III. The Order of the Beatitudes

1. The Beatitudes move in a logical _____

IV. What Does it Mean to be "Poor in Spirit"?

The word translated "poor" is *ptochoi*. The adjective was derived from a verb that means "to cower" or "to bow down timidly" (*ptosso*).

1. To Be Poor in Spirit is to Realize Our Dependence on _____

V. Why Humility of Spirit is First

1. _____ must precede everything else
2. Genuine humility is produced by the _____, but it also commanded of _____

VI. Achieving Humility...

- 1. Starts by turning our eyes off of ourselves and focusing them on _____**
- 2. Starve the _____ by removing the things it feeds on**
- 3. _____ God for it**

VII. How to Know When You Are Poor in Spirit

- 1. When _____ becomes of no importance, and Christ is of the _____ importance**
- 2. We will find ways to be _____, no matter how bad our situation may become**
- 3. We will be quick to see the virtues of _____, and our own _____.**
- 4. _____ will become a regular part of our lives**
- 5. We will come to Christ on *HIS* terms and not on ours**

VIII. “...For they shall inherit the earth”

- 1. The Poor in spirit present their broken hearts before the King of Glory humbly and they are given new hearts**
- 2. The Poor in spirit are able to live a humble life where they empty themselves before God and they are filled with every good thing**
- 3. The Poor in spirit lay their crowns before the King, and He crowns them with righteousness and citizenship in His Kingdom, both now and forever**

Answer Key:

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[**READ** *Matthew 5:1-12*]

I. Introduction

1. Jesus begins to teach:
2. CHARACTER comes before CONDUCT in the Kingdom of God
3. Jesus explained that there are two classifications of people: the BLESSED and the CURSED

II. What Does it Mean to be *Blessed* and Happy?

1. We REJOICE where others would be despondent
2. Kingdom People share in the DIVINE NATURE
3. The Blessed are in a state of BLISS because, through the new birth, believers have a changed CHARACTER

III. The Order of the Beatitudes

1. The Beatitudes move in a logical PROGRESSION

IV. What Does it Mean to be “Poor in Spirit”

1. To Be Poor in Spirit is to Realize Our Dependence on GOD

V. Why Humility of Spirit is First

1. HUMILITY must precede everything else
2. Genuine humility is produced by the LORD, but it also commanded of US

VI. Achieving Humility...

1. Starts by turning our eyes off of ourselves and focusing them on GOD
2. Starve the FLESH by removing the things it feeds on
3. ASK God for it

VII. How to Know When You Are Poor in Spirit

1. When SELF becomes of no importance, and Christ is of the UTMOST importance
2. We will find ways to be GRATEFUL, no matter how bad our situation may become
3. We will be quick to see the virtues of OTHERS, and our own SINS.
4. PRAYER will become a regular part of our lives