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**Matthew 5:3**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit*

Intro

**A. THE MEANING OF POOR IN SPIRIT.**

 1. Not financial poverty.

 2. Spiritual poverty – humility.

 a) their neediness.

 b) depends totally on God to provide for those needs. Isa. 57:15; 66:2

 3. The contrast would be one who is “rich in spirit.”

 **B. EXAMPLES OF BEING POOR IN SPIRIT.**

 1. Pharisee and publican in prayer (Lk. 18:9-14).

 2. Prodigal son (Lk. 15:11-24).

**C. THE ORIGIN OF BEING POOR IN SPIRIT.**

 1. Not natural to our depraved human nature.

 2. Produced by the Holy Spirit. This is a heaven grown virtue.

 3. Christ centered focus.

 4. A permanent virtue.

**D. HELP ON BEING POOR IN SPIRIT.**

 1. Attitude toward self

 a. Remember our sinful nature. Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 3:10-12

 b. Remember that all we have is a gift. 1 Cor. 4:7; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; Jas. 1:17

 c. We can do nothing apart from Christ. Jn. 15:5

 d. Humility. 1 Cor. 15:9; 1 Tim. 1:15; 2 Cor. 3:5

 2. Attitude toward others.

 a. Esteem others as more important than self. Phil. 2:3

 b. Servant’s attitude. Mk. 10:44-45.

 3. Attitude toward Christ.

 a. Esteem Christ above all. 2 Cor. 5:15; 1 Pet. 3:15

 b. Seek first His kingdom. Mt. 6:33

**E. THE BLESSING: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

 1. The blessing is present.

 2. The blessing is future.

Conclusion