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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