

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Beatitudes Bible Study Series – Message # 1

Introduction

Blessedness

- An inner state of _____ that results from _____ work.
- _____ in joy, peace, and contentment.
- Not based on what's happening _____ me, but what's happening _____ me.

Beatitudes – the _____ and character traits that God wants to _____ within us

Text: Matthew 5:3

The meaning of “poor in spirit”

- This does not refer to _____ poverty.
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- This refers to _____ poverty.
Realizing that one is _____ and has absolutely no claim to _____.
- In a word, to be poor in spirit means to be _____ . – Psalm 34:6
- The opposite of “poor in spirit” is to be spiritually _____ and _____-sufficient.

Restatement: Blessed are those who realize their own utter _____ and who put their whole trust in _____.

Examples of being “poor in spirit” – Luke 18:9-14

The blessing of being “poor in spirit”

- _____ – _____ life with God in heaven
- God's presence and activity in our lives _____ – Matthew 6:10

Restatement: They will experience _____ with the Father and He will _____ in their lives, providing for all their _____.

Other ways humility blesses me:

- It reduces _____.
- It improves my _____.
- It releases God's _____ . – James 4:6

Hindrances to receiving this blessing:

- Devotion to _____ things – Matthew 19:16-26
- Spiritual _____
- _____-righteousness
- _____-reliance – Revelation 3:19

Conclusion – Application:

- Acknowledge your spiritual _____ . – Isaiah 6:1-5
- _____ yourself before God. – Luke 18:14; Isaiah 66:1-2; Isaiah 57:15
- Accept _____ provision. – Isaiah 41:17-18; 2 Corinthians 12:9