

Attitude Check
Blessed Are The Broken
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Key Verse of the Day

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

The only way to experience the Kingdom of Heaven is by embracing our _____.

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What Does Poor In Spirit Mean?

The poor in spirit are people who recognize they are spiritually in need of _____ and presence in their life.

Jesus tells us in this verse you are blessed... you are happy... you are fortunate... when you realized that you need _____ from Him.

The Greek word "poor" (ptochos) means...

_____... one who is reduced to begging dependence... one who is _____... It carries with it the idea of someone in such dire poverty that they cannot _____ themselves.

Middle Class In Spirit

The danger of middle class spirit is that we get caught in the _____ game with other people. These folks then tend to think that they have somehow _____ a certain standing with God because of their actions and behavior.

"Whenever we find that our religious life is making us feel that we are good—above all, that we are better than someone else— I think we may be sure that we are being acted on, not by God, but by the devil. The real test of being in the presence of God is, that you either forget about yourself altogether or see yourself as a small, dirty object". C.S. Lewis — Mere Christianity

Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone: "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:9-14

How Does Being "Poor In Spirit" Bless Us?

- Poor In Spirit Blesses Us In _____.

Poor in spirit blesses me in salvation... because it means I understand the spiritual truth that _____!

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

- Poor In Spirit Blesses Us With _____.

The filling the Holy Spirit is the _____ that we need in our life to make it possible for us to living a God-pleasing life.

For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. Hebrews 10:10&14 NLT

- Poor In Spirit Blesses Us For _____.

Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit. Romans 7:6b NLT

"Real ministry is not just about building buildings, raising budgets and preaching sermons. Kingdom ministry is making lame people walk, blind people see and dead people live — in a spiritual sense." David Johnson, Joy Comes In The Mourning

Real ministry — real — life changing, kingdom ministry, only happens when the Holy Spirit _____ though us as we humbly serve God with the _____ he has given us.

The three "I can't's" of being poor in spirit are...

1. I can't save myself.
2. I can't sanctify myself.
3. I can't serve God by myself.

The Bottom Line — The Promise.

Only the _____ will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven!

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The Challenge

Are you truly _____?