

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT"

Kingdom Upside Down—Part 2

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Matthew 5:3—"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Meaning of Blessed:

To be "blessed" is not a FEELING; rather, it's a _____.

(Reference: 1 Kings 10:8)

A "blessed" person is somebody who is in a spiritual state of well-being, spiritual health, and spiritual prosperity.

The Poor in Spirit:

The "poor" Jesus refers to means those whose only hope in life is rooted in the _____.

(Reference: Luke 14:12-14, 21:3, 15:15)

Isaiah 57:25—"I [the Lord] live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit."

The Blessing of Spiritual Poverty:

Matthew 5:3 (Emp. Added) —"Blessed are the poor in spirit for THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

Our Response:

Isaiah 55:1—"Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat. Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost."

FAMILY FOCUS:

1. How does the concept of being "poor in spirit" challenge common understandings of spiritual worth?
2. What does it mean to "acknowledge your spiritual bankruptcy," and why is this step crucial according to the passage?
3. Reflect on the assurance Jesus offers to those who recognize their spiritual poverty. How can this assurance impact a believer's daily life?