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**Attitudes** that should **Be** in every **Disciple**

# **PART 1**

# **Poor In Spirit**

*Matthew 5:1-3*

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<sup>1</sup> When he saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to teach them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

# **Let's identify what Jesus meant by "poor in spirit."**

What does it mean to be "poor in spirit"?

- **Poor in spirit does not mean "poor-spirited."**
- **Poor in spirit does not refer to the materially poor.**
- **Poor in spirit refers to one who is absolutely destitute—and they know it!**

# Let's illustrate what Jesus meant by “poor in spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people — greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.’

# Let's illustrate what Jesus meant by “poor in spirit.”

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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# Reliable Principles

- 1. It's easy to wrongly identify our true condition.**
- 2. God looks at things differently than we do.**
- 3. The worst among us has the most to gain.**
- 4. Your only hope of gaining God's approval is to do what this bad man did.**