Blessed Beyond Belief Sunday Jan. 7, 2024

Pt.2... TRUSTING IN GOD

Matthew 5:3; Luke 18:10-14

Statement #1... Jesus as always, begins with the heart.

Statement #2... a person who is poor in spirit is a person who has <u>realized</u> that they have nothing to offer to God but a <u>broken</u> & <u>contrite</u> heart.

3 Steps to Trusting God...

Step #1... Understand & Accept our Spiritual POVERTY

- 1. Often we <u>compare</u> ourselves to <u>others</u> we know... we decide we're not too bad after all.
- 2. We can only <u>recognize</u> our own spiritual <u>state</u> when we compare ourselves with God.

READ Luke 18:10-14

<u>3 Truths</u> ... About Understanding & Accepting our Spiritual poverty.

<u>Truth #1...</u> Our Position in Life has No <u>Influence</u> over God.

<u>Truth #2...</u> Doing the Right Things will Not Make Us ACCEPTABLE to GOD.

<u>Truth #3...</u> God Only Accepts Those who <u>KNOW</u> they ARE NOT W<u>ORTHY</u> OF HIM.

STEP #2... Embrace the Wealth of GOD'S GRACE

- 2 Items we need to Understand...
 - 1) God's GRACE is given to us IN CHRIST
 - 2) God's Wealth Makes up for our POVERTY

STEP #3... Enjoy the <u>Security & Satisfaction</u> of GOD'S KINGDOM

Reason #1... We are Citizens of the KINGDOM

Reason #2... We do not FEAR the World round us.

Reason #3... We know that we Stand Secure IN CHRIST

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