



When Weakness Wins

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Being Poor in Spirit is essential to _____.

Spiritually, we are _____, _____, and utterly _____.

- Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

God loves the _____.

- Isaiah 25:4 (NLT);

- Psalm 140:12 (NIV)

Jesus _____ the poor.

- Luke 4:17-19 (NIV)

Being Poor in Spirit is essential for _____.

- 1 Timothy 1:15 (NIV)

Being Poor in Spirit is essential for doing _____ that _____.

- Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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Reflection and Discussion

1. What is the core definition of being "poor in spirit"? How does this differ from simply being financially poor or lacking self-confidence?
2. What is the "Kingdom of Heaven" that is promised to them? Is this a future destination, a current spiritual reality, or both?
3. Why did Jesus choose "poverty of spirit" as the very first Beatitude? Why might this specific quality be the "doorway" or foundation for all the others that follow?
4. How does Luke's version (Luke 6:20) compare to Matthew's? Why do you think Matthew specifies "in spirit" while Luke simply says "you who are poor"?
5. What are the "enemies" of being poor in spirit in your daily life? Consider how things like pride, moral self-esteem, or self-righteousness can block this mindset.
6. What are practical ways to cultivate a "poverty of spirit"? How might regular prayer, confession, or comparing yourself to God's holiness (rather than others) help you grow in this area?

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We are fallen creatures made in the image of God. That inner conflict defines us as individuals, and it defines how God wants us to live in a world full of other fallen image bearers. "Living in the Tension" walks through the Beatitudes Jesus taught in Matthew 5, showing how the self-centered values of this world are in stark contrast with the values of God's kingdom.
