



Bankrupt

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Matthew 5:1-2 ESV

“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:”

Matthew 5:3 ESV

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

“Poor”

- Is *not* shyness; lacking in courage or vitality; not a showy version of humility.
- Is “to cower, beggar-like.” It is poverty so deep begging is your only hope for survival.

Opposite the world

Requirements for spiritual bankruptcy

Humility

Luke 18:10-14 ESV

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Required for spiritual maturity

- This is an ongoing spiritual recognition and pursuit.
- The more mature we become, the more we recognize our need

Spiritual Bankruptcy

Mark 7:21-23
Genesis 6:5
Genesis 8:21
Jeremiah 17:9
Ecclesiastes 9:3
Matthew 23:25-28
Psalm 51:3-5

Spiritually Made Whole

Ezekiel 36:26-27
James 4:8
Micah 7:18
I John 1:9
Psalm 139:23-24
Psalm 65:3
Psalm 51:10, 17