

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

MATTHEW 5:3

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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Fill in the following two blanks (answer with what you observe it to be):

Blessed are the _____, for they will be _____.

Two Fatal Errors:

1. I can _____ out the beatitudes if I just _____ hard enough.
2. Jesus was condoning _____ as a way to please God.

★ God's standard, however, is _____.

What does it mean to be blessed?

To be blessed as Jesus meant it is to be fully _____, _____, _____. It refers to those receiving God's _____, regardless of the _____.

What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

It is a _____ of one's total spiritual _____ before God. No amount of personal effort changes my complete _____ to make myself _____ to God.

Being poor in spirit is...

1. _____ for _____.
 - There must be an _____ in our lives before there can be a _____.
2. Required for _____.
 - Speak of _____ when discussing the Beatitudes and not _____. This way you are clearly stating that the _____ of God precedes His _____.
 - Daily _____ of _____ is necessary.
3. Necessary for effective _____.

"Those God uses have continual amazement that He would choose to use them."

For this is what the high and exalted One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15