

MATTHEW 5 - THE BEATITUDES

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**BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT,**

**FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

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

MATTHEW 5.3

*“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.  
Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.*

LUKE 6.24-26

*“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.*

REVELATION 3.17-18

*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

*“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

LUKE 12.32-34

What has ownership of my soul? What gives me a greater sense of loss: to not have something or someone, or my desperate sense of needing grace and righteousness?

*I am not laying down any rules. But by showing how eager others are to help, I am trying to find out how real your own love is. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; rich as he was, he made himself poor for your sake, in order to make you rich by means of his poverty.*

2 CORINTHIANS 8.8-9

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>6</sup> being born in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

PHILIPPIANS 2.5-8



How deeply do I feel my need for grace and how quickly do I extend unconditional grace to others?

How easy is it for me to expend myself for others without any recognition or appreciation—motivated only by love for the One who expended himself for me?

Am I always grateful, claiming nothing by right or merit, sensing only my need for His continuous mercy and pardon?