



“Blessed are the poor in spirit” – *Our Attitude Toward Ourselves*
Matthew 5:3

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Introduction:

- Jesus challenges the “I’ll do it myself” attitude.
- “Blessed are the poor in spirit” reveals that we need to recognize our spiritual _____ without Jesus.

The Meaning of the Beatitude

- Without Christ in your life – you are spiritually _____, spiritually _____ – you have nothing.
- Jesus’ word for poor:
 - *penichros* – “the _____ poor” – Luke 21:2
 - *ptochos* – “the _____ poor” – Luke 16

The Opposing View of the Beatitude

- Culture resists “poor in spirit” but embraces “_____ in spirit.”
- Reflects the mindset “believe in _____”
 - Proverbs 3:5

The Promise of the Beatitude

- “for the kingdom of heaven is theirs”
- Experiencing a little taste of heaven now

The What’s Next of the Beatitude

1. Repent of Your Spiritual _____.
2. Acknowledge Spiritual _____.
3. Seek Spiritual _____.
4. Pursue Spiritual _____.

Conclusion:

- The Pharisee and the tax collector – Luke 18:9-14