

ABUNDANT LIFE ATTITUDES
~ A Study of Matthew 5:3-10 ~

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”

Matthew 5:3

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“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

John 10:10b (NKJV)

Jesus came to give us abundant life!

The Beatitudes describe how people can _____,
_____, and _____ Christ's kingdom.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

Jesus: our example of poverty of spirit

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8 (NASB)

A definition of poverty of spirit: “It means a complete absence of pride, a complete absence of self-assurance and of self-reliance. It means a consciousness that we are nothing in the presence of God.” ~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Christ's promise: You will possess the Kingdom!

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17 (NASB)

How you can become poor in spirit:

1. _____ on _____ God is.
2. _____ In Christ.

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (NASB)



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