

BLUEPRINT

FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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- 1 Blessed: Makarios—joyful, happy, fortunate, enviable, to be congratulated
 Poor: Ptochos—a beggar, poverty stricken, bankrupt, powerless to enrich
 Spirit: Pneuma—a person's nature, self, essence, the core of who a person is
 Kingdom: basileia—rule, reign, domain

Use these definitions to rewrite Matthew 5:3 in your own words.

- 2 What did people in the Bible say that defines or describes "Poor in Spirit?"

Psalms 51
 Luke 18:9-14
 Revelation 3:14-22

- 3 How is the Kingdom of Heaven characterized in the following verses?

Job 42:6
 Psalm 8:1-4
 Isaiah 6:5
 Luke 7:36-47
 Luke 18:19
 Romans 3:10-18,23

- 4 What does a kingdom of "poor in spirit" people look like? What is the connection between being "poor in spirit" and the Kingdom of Heaven?

Matthew 25:34
 Luke 7:20-21
 Colossians 1:10-14
 I Timothy 1:17
 Revelation 5:10

- 5 Where do you see the attitude of "poor in spirit" elsewhere in the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5-7

Building by the Blueprint

Spend time this week reflecting on the point in your life when you first realized that you were poor in spirit. What brought you to this awareness? Be prepared to share a short testimony next week.

