



# Are You Poor in Spirit?

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

**Matthew 5:3**

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# Introduction

Beatitude means, "utmost happiness."

Of the 8, #1-4 God/man relationship and #5-8 Man/man relationship

Christ fulfills a Messianic Prophecy, **Luke 4:18**  
(**Isaiah 61:1**)

# What is "poor in spirit?"

- Poor in Spirit is not feeling sorry about earthly poverty.
- Poor in spirit are the ones who have a reverent and contrite heart. **Isaiah 57:15 and 66:2**
- Poor in Spirit are those who understand their guilt, humble themselves, and are remorseful to the point of wanting to make amends.

# Bible Examples of the "poor in spirit"

- **Acts 2:37** - Those realized their spiritual state and understood the necessity to change.
- **Acts 16:29** - One who was aware of his spiritual deficiency and desired to be righteous.
- **Luke 15:18-19** - One who recognized how destitute his spiritual life was and humbled himself. **Luke 18:9-14**

# Benefits of being "poor in spirit"

- We will avoid strife in this life. **Proverbs 13:10**
- God will lift us up. **James 4:10**
- We will gain entrance into Heaven. **Matthew 18:3**

## How we can be "poor in spirit"

- We must surrender to God's Will. **Romans 8:14;**  
**Galatians 3:26-27**
- We must conduct an honest self-examination. **2**  
**Corinthians 13:5 and James 1:25**
- We must cultivate a humble opinion of ourselves  
and exercise it into obedient action. **Ephesians**  
**4:1-3**

# Conclusion

Are we "poor in spirit" if we do not...

-regularly attend services

-help the needy

-daily read our bibles

-pray each day

# Invitation

Those who need to turn to Those who need to return to Christ

## Christ

Hear - Romans 10:17

Believe - Acts 16:22

Repent - Luke 13:3

Confess (Name of Christ) -  
Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized - Acts 2:38

Repent of Sins - Acts 8:22

Confess (Sins to God) - 1 John 1:9

Pray Forgiveness - Acts 8:22