

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Series: The Beatitudes

- Matthew 5:3 -

INTERPRETIVE
INSIGHT

Introductory Observations

1. The Beatitudes are _____.

2. The Beatitudes are _____.

3. The Beatitudes are _____.

THE MEANING

To reflect life in the kingdom of heaven, you must first be poor in spirit.

* The word for "poor" reflects a _____.

LIFE
APPLICATION

Two Action Steps:

1. _____ your _____ condition.

2. _____ upon God's _____ provision.

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Is Jesus *describing* who His followers *are*? Or *prescribing* what they must *do*? Why do you think so?
3. In Luke 18:9-14, when have you been like the Pharisee? Like the tax collector? What accounts for the difference?
4. If you were to ask God for *mercy*, as the tax collector did, what exactly would you mean by the word?
5. What pictures come to mind when you think of powerful, successful people? How do these images sometimes conflict with knowing Christ?
6. What have you had to *empty* from your life in order to become poor in spirit and filled with His power?