

# Happy are the Nobodies

## 1. Ground rules for the Beatitudes.

- The Beatitudes are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Beatitudes are not a \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers.

The Sermon on the Mount is the least understood and least obeyed of all of Christ's teaching.

Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- The Beatitudes guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ for those willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's ways as director, and clash with the world.
- The Kingdom of Heaven is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. What does it mean to be blessed?

- I can't be blessed apart from God; God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of blessing because he is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_.

Being blessed means having joy that no one can take away.

Blessed: To have soul satisfaction that transcends daily circumstances.

Psalms 68:35 (NASB)

O God, You are awesome from Your sanctuary the God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. **Blessed be God!**

- Jesus was supremely blessed; Jesus became like \_\_\_\_\_ so that ultimately we could become like \_\_\_\_\_.

John 16:22

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

- Being blessed means being in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is wrong to believe that I can fill a spiritual need with \_\_\_\_\_; if I am upset I will buy a new outfit.

Ecclesiastes 5:13

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner

## Secrets to happiness:

- Happiness is \_\_\_\_\_ and never \_\_\_\_\_; God is the source.

James 1:16-17

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

- Happiness is a byproduct of knowing one's \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup>psalms 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

- To empty my life of the \_\_\_\_\_ so I can be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. What does it mean to be poor in spirit?

- To be poor in spirit is to have a correct \_\_\_\_\_ of one's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- To be poor in spirit is to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' <sup>13</sup>"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' <sup>14</sup>"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Being poor in spirit is the opposite of being \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Being poor in spirit is to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Being poor in spirit is not being poorly \_\_\_\_\_, nor is it being materially \_\_\_\_\_.
- Being poor in spirit is understanding one's complete and utter inability to \_\_\_\_\_ God by human \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:20

Romans 3:19-20

4. Why be poor in spirit?

- To be poor in spirit is the foundation for receiving \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is only for the poor in spirit.
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- I can never know God's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ until I see my spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ breeds spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

James 4:6, 10

Isaiah 66:2

Psalms 34:18

Psalms 51:17

I will never be used by God until I am  
humbled before God.

5. How do I become poor in spirit?

A. Face his \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 5:8

- It is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ that I understand who God is and who I am not.
- Admit who you are \_\_\_\_\_ so he can be who he \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

II Corinthians 12:9-10

B. Starve the \_\_\_\_\_

- It is when I \_\_\_\_\_ myself that God begins to \_\_\_\_\_ me.

Hebrews 12:1

- I must say no to the \_\_\_\_\_ so I can receive the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_

- A beggar keeps on begging to \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 34:6

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