

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. ¹⁷Every 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 _____.

²psalms 32:1-2

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed 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: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' ¹³"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.' ¹⁴"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.
- _____ is only for the poor in spirit.
- 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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