

**Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven****Main Bible Verse:**

(Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Summary:****Matthew 5:3 | 2 Samuel 5:17-20**

- If we want the kingdom of heaven in us, we must be humble.
  - We must hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and desire the kingdom of heaven in our hearts.
- We must know that we need more Holy Spirit.
- By our own feelings, everything we do will be lost.
  - Our feelings are destined to fail.
- Being poor in spirit is the key to our success.
  - That which we do in spirit will contrast that of our feelings.
- As people, we need satisfaction and fulfillment, but this does not mean to follow our feelings, but rather, we must be poor in spirit and receive and follow God's direction.
  - Our fulfillment comes from the word of God and His presence in our lives.
  - David was a good example of hungering and thirsting for the kingdom of God.
  - David was poor in spirit and put his trust and faith in the Lord, and he inquired of God before he did anything.
  - We must follow David's example and always inquire of the Lord and follow the instructions and method that God gives us.
    - We must inquire of the Lord daily.
    - When we inquire of the Lord, He will give us clear and exact instructions.
    - The importance of being poor in spirit was taught to us by Jesus, and this was the first thing He taught on the mountain.
- Those who are poor in spirit are not afraid of shame but will do anything for the kingdom of God to be in them.
  - Being poor in spirit is not of our own arrogance and pride, but of doing everything for God.
  - We must yearn for the Holy Spirit to come upon us.
- Opening a church is not like opening a store for umbrellas which opens on a rainy day and closes on sunny days.
  - A church must be established under God's instruction and be there to teach how to be poor in spirit.
- God is lovely, so if we want to be lovely we must know God and follow His way.
  - We mustn't follow our own feelings but follow the way and word of God.
  - Before we do anything, we must pray continuously until we are poor in spirit and the Holy Spirit comes to us and we receive the word and instructions from God.

**Romans 10:13-14 | 1 Corinthians 9:17, 9:24, 9:26-27**

- Paul taught us, "how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?"
  - This is what it means to be poor in spirit; we must continuously inquire of God until we receive His word.
  - We must learn from Paul and never do anything by our own feelings and without the word of God.
- In our lives, business, marriage, and kingdom commission, we require the instructions from heaven, and we must follow it.
- The key to Paul's success throughout his life was prayer upon prayer.

- We must be poor in spirit when we pray and pray until we receive the word from God.
- Once we receive His word, we must voluntarily follow it.
- Paul also taught us that only one will receive the prize, and that one refers to those who run with Jesus.
  - Running with Jesus is to not make decisions based by our own judgement and desires, but to follow God's instructions.
- We must kneel down and pray continuously and try not to be discouraged for God will show us His way.

**John 18:6**

- Our decisions may not always be correct, but God's way for us will always be the right way.
- We must not rely on ourselves and our feelings but rely on the word from God.
- When we go to the pulpit and fall before Jesus' "I am He," our failure, discouragement, and doubt will fall before God.
  - His creation, power, and revelation will enter us.
  - We must not do things by our own power for we cannot do anything, but we must let God govern our lives.
- We must pray continuously until we are poor in spirit and the Holy Spirit comes to us and we receive the word and instructions from God.
  - With full faith, we must hold onto the instructions we received, for it is the key to our success in life.