



## THE (BE)ATTITUDES

“The (BE)Attitude of  
Humility”

Matthew 5:1-3

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### Our Condition: Blessed

1. To be approved, to find approval
2. Contented, blissful, privileged, joyful, over the top happiness

**Blessed** = Because we know we are approved by God, we can live a life of total contentment and joy that isn't based on our circumstances or feelings.

### Our Attitude: Humility – poor in spirit

Zephaniah 3:12; Psalm 34:5; Isaiah 41:17-18; 57:15; 66:1-2;  
Luke 4:18

“Blessed are those who realize that they have nothing within themselves to commend them to God, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“O the bliss of the man who has realized his utter helplessness, and who has put his whole trust in God, for thus alone he can render to God that perfect obedience which will make Him a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven!”

### How do we become poor in spirit?

- 1) We must see ourselves for who we really are  
Luke 18:10-14; Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2) We must hear the clear call to be humble  
Matthew 4:12; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5
- 3) We must choose daily to deny & die to ourselves  
Luke 9:23; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 15:31
- 4) We must continually & consistently pursue humility and not pride  
Revelation 3:17-18

## **Our Hope: The Kingdom of Heaven**

It is both here & now & to come in the future

Luke 12:32; Ephesians 2:6; Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly, Was me, Savior, or I die.

*Augustus M. Toplady, from the hymn, "Rock of Ages"*

### **Response Questions:**

1. How does our culture/world define the word blessed? How does this definition differ from than that? Why is this so important?
2. What does it mean to be poor in spirit/spiritually bankrupt? Why is this so important? How should this affect the way you live each day?
3. Do you more identify with the Pharisee or the tax collector in the passage of Luke 18? What changes do you need to make to find yourself in the position of the tax collector and not the Pharisee?
4. It was said, we need to choose daily to deny and die to ourselves - what does that mean to you and how do apply this truth to your life?
5. Again, how does the world/culture view the idea of saying I'm a sinner who is spiritually bankrupt? How does our view different and why is this so crucial?