

## Preparation

The Blessing of Poverty

Luke 6:20

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### b. The Poverty. Definition of Poor

“The poor in spirit are they who see nothing in themselves but to fly to mercy for sanctuary.”  
Calvin

“Until we know how damned we are, we cannot appreciate how glorious He is. Until we see our poverty, we cannot understand His riches.”

### 2.The Reward Blessing

### Conclusion

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Remember: Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:1-13; 1Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27. As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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##### Why Be Poor In Spirit?

- Until we are poor in spirit we are not capable of receiving saving grace.*
- Until we are poor in spirit we will never realize how precious the Prince of peace is.*
- Until we are poor in spirit we will not go to heaven.*

“The only thing of my very own which I can contribute to my very own salvation is the sin from which I need to be redeemed.” Wm. Temple

Thomas Watson has written, “A man never comes to himself till he comes out of himself. And no man can come out, till first Christ comes in.”

### How can a person know if they are spiritually poor?

Thomas Watson

- The poor will be weaned from self sufficiency, dependency, etc.
- The poor’s affections will be for Christ
- The poor will never be satisfied with their walk
- The poor will walk in humility
- The poor will be much in prayer
- The poor want Christ on Christ’s terms.
- The poor exalt in God’s grace
- The poor will be thankful

1. The blessing of poverty 20

a. Blessed