

**Teachings of Christ**  
**The Beatitudes**  
**Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit**

**Introduction**

Matthew records the teachings of Jesus in a series of statements called Beatitudes. We find this Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapter five. It is probably one of the most famous texts of the New Testament.

1. Jesus decides to begin his teaching ministry in \_\_\_\_\_ after He heard the news about the arrest of John the Baptist.
2. When he arrived in Galilee Jesus had been teaching and preaching mainly in the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In Matthew Chapter 5, Jesus goes public with his teaching ministry which opened the door for Jews and \_\_\_\_\_ to listen in on his teachings.
4. Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7 \_\_\_\_\_ the teachings of Jesus.
5. Most believers would probably agree that the highest authority on the subject of \_\_\_\_\_ is God.
6. If your character is right, your \_\_\_\_\_ will be too!
7. The teachings in Matthew 5 are about \_\_\_\_\_ and holy living.
8. Jesus comes as a humble teacher and offers the people the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
9. The Sermon on the Mount summarizes the teachings of Jesus about how a person should \_\_\_\_\_.

10. You won't find the word ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' in the English Bible.
11. It comes from the Latin word '*Beatus*' meaning 'Happy' or ' \_\_\_\_\_ ,' which is very close to the original Greek word that Jesus used.

## **I. Recognizing the Blessing**

12. The first word of Jesus' Sermon is " \_\_\_\_\_ ."
13. Jesus came into the world as God's blessing to bless the \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. He came to bring God's blessing to you; to deliver you from your sins and bring you to \_\_\_\_\_ with God's purpose and plan for your life.
15. To be blessed is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
16. The Christian life is not a product of your feelings, it is a life of \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. God has chosen to bless those who turn to him for \_\_\_\_\_ and are willing to acknowledge their inadequacies.
18. The Bible's answer to low self-esteem is sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ .
19. Building a relationship with Jesus produces a joy that is \_\_\_\_\_ with you – in sorrow, pain, loss, grief – whether you're young or old, Jesus has promised to be there.
20. The road to God's blessing begins with realizing the \_\_\_\_\_ of our spirit.

## **II. The Poverty of Spirit**

21. Spiritual poverty is knowing that without God, you are totally helpless to do anything of \_\_\_\_\_ value.
22. The word that Jesus uses to describe the “poor” literally means to crouch or \_\_\_\_\_ as an utterly helpless person.
23. The spiritually poor are those who recognize the utter helplessness of living in a world marred by \_\_\_\_\_.
24. We have nothing to offer God that will equal, earn, or merit God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Spiritual poverty leaves you with a sense of complete \_\_\_\_\_.
26. While the pride of life is the root of self-destruction, poverty of spirit is the root of all \_\_\_\_\_.
27. To be poor in spirit is to acknowledge honestly and with understanding our deep \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
28. The Kingdom of Heaven is for those who know they are the poor in spirit and need God in their life to be \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. Receive Kingdom Benefits**

29. When we realize how desperately impoverished we are spiritually, we know it is only God’s grace and concern for us that gives us hope for \_\_\_\_\_.
30. Jesus promises to the poor in spirit the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom of Heaven.
31. Matthew represents Jesus as the savior and \_\_\_\_\_ prophesied in Old Testament.
32. The kingdom Jesus is talking about \_\_\_\_\_ with the government of God in a person’s life.

33. The King of the Kingdom of Heaven produces inner \_\_\_\_\_ and Spirit-controlled living.

34. The Kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of the \_\_\_\_\_, not a geographical one.

## Conclusion

35. When Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," he's talking about those who know that life is meaningless without \_\_\_\_\_.

If you know you need God in your life and want to see his power and love work through you – there are several simple things you can do:

- Meditate on the greatness of God.
- Be thankful.
- Remember God's faithfulness.
- Be Generous.
- Be forgiving.
- Credit God with any Progress.
- Remember God has a plan for your life.

If you practice these simple guidelines, you will become a truly humble servant of Christ, the King of the Heavenly Kingdom. Your life will be His life, and His life will become your life. His will becomes your will. His work will become your work. And your life will make an eternal impact upon this world.

## Answers

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| 1. Galilee    | 13. World         | 25. Powerlessness |
| 2. Synagogues | 14. Peace         | 26. Virtues       |
| 3. Gentiles   | 15. Approved      | 27. Need          |
| 4. Summarize  | 16. Commitment    | 28. Whole         |
| 5. Character  | 17. Help          | 29. Recovery      |
| 6. Conduct    | 18. Grace         | 30. Benefits      |
| 7. Ethics     | 19. Always        | 31. King          |
| 8. Blessing   | 20. Poverty       | 32. Begins        |
| 9. Live       | 21. Enduring      | 33. Peace         |
| 10. Beatitude | 22. Cower         | 34. Heart         |
| 11. Blessed   | 23. Sin           | 35. God           |
| 12. Blessed   | 24. Righteousness |                   |