

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:1 – 3



I challenge you today: _____
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**I. The _____ life is an
_____ life (Matthew 5:3).**

1. God is _____.
2. You are _____.

**II. The blessed life is a _____
_____ (Matthew 5:3).**

1. _____ your
_____ in God.
2. _____ your
_____ home.

Take it to the next level:

1. Invite others to _____.
2. Invite others to _____.
3. _____ God all the glory.

Questions for more in-depth study

Read through Matthew 5:1 – 10

1. What labels do you wear even though it is not real? How do you go about making the label real?
2. Read Jeremiah 2:5 – 8. How are the Israelite people living contrary to their calling? Read Jeremiah 2:13. What is the truth and what is the lie?
3. Look at the main challenge. Describe from scripture what the authentic life is.
4. Read Matthew 5:11-20. Summarize from these verses Christ's main objective in his teaching. How is what Jesus said contrary to what our American culture teaches?
5. Look at main point 1. Describe in your own words "poor in spirit." How is poor in spirit a description of the blessed life?
6. How is poor in spirit a confrontation with God? What has to happen in order for us to see us for what we are? Have you done this?
7. Read Matthew 23:31,32 and Luke 7:29,30. How does this describe poor in spirit? What were the Pharisees missing?
8. Look at main point 2. What identities do you try to seek after which are not what God has called you?
9. Read Galatians 2:20 and Daniel 2:44,45. Reflecting on observation 2 with these verses in mind, when are we authentic in our humanity? What is God's calling for you?