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**BEATITUDES**

KEN JENSEN - GUEST PASTOR  
*Matthew 5:1-3*

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*“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...”*

\_\_\_\_\_: **“Happy”, “Fortunate”**

\_\_\_\_\_: (Root: **“Makros”**) **“Large”, “Lengthy”**

\_\_\_\_\_: **“Profound joy and fulfillment of God’s favor.”**

1. GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_ IS FOR YOU TO LIVE THE FULLEST \_\_\_\_ POSSIBLE

**Matthew 5:3**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit...”*

2. A FULL LIFE BEGINS WITH ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
POVERTY

**Poor In Spirit:** *“Those who have realized their own utter helplessness before God”*

**Luke 18:10-12**

*“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people -robbers, evildoers, adulterers -or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’”*

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**Luke 18:13-14**

*“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.*

**ACKNOWLEDGING MY SPIRITUAL POVERTY:**

- GUARDS AGAINST THE DECEPTION OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:11**

*“‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people -robbers, evildoers, adulterers -or even like this tax collector...”*

**ACKNOWLEDGING MY SPIRITUAL POVERTY:**

- FREES ME FROM \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION

**Luke 18:12**

*“ ...I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”*

**ACKNOWLEDGING MY SPIRITUAL POVERTY:**

- ENGAGES ME IN A LIFE OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:13**

*“(He) beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”*

3. OUT OF YOUR POVERTY FLOWS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **John 1:16**

*“Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.”*

#### **Matthew 5:3**

*“...theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

**Kingdom of Heaven:** *“Wherever God’s will is effectively carried out”*

#### **Matthew 6:10**

*“...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

#### **Matthew 16:19**

*“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

#### **Matthew 10:8**

*“Freely you have received; freely give.”*

There is profound \_\_\_ and fulfillment for those who have realized their own utter helplessness before God for, by His \_\_\_\_\_, they have entered into life as He \_\_\_\_\_.