

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:3
(series #14)

Introduction: the search for happiness in our world

I. The Misunderstanding of this Trait

- A. It does not mean to be financially poor
- B. It does not mean to be a pessimist in life

II. The Meaning of this Trait

- A. A recognition of our spiritual bankruptcy
- B. A recognition of our need for mercy and grace

III. The Illustration of this Trait

- A. Luke 18:9-14
- B. Romans 7:18

IV. The Application of this Trait

- A. John 15:1-5
- B. 1 Corinthians 4:7
- C. Ephesians 4:1-2a

Concluding application: This is the way of blessedness