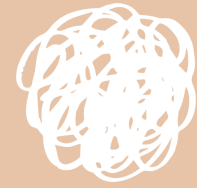




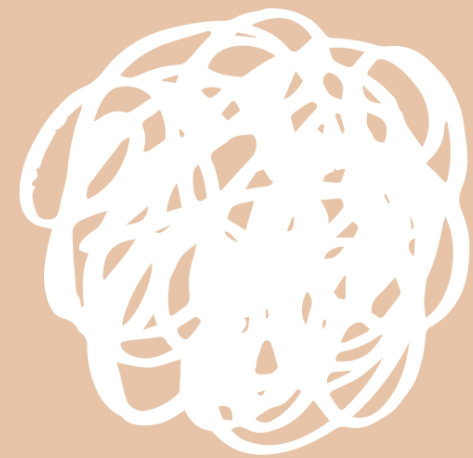
Riches of Poverty in Spirit



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Matthew 5:1-3



Paul says that God said he is
“STRONG WHEN HE IS WEAK” and “HAVING
NOTHING, HE POSSESSES ALL THINGS.”

We live by dying
We gain by losing
We reign when we surrender
We are strong, when we are weak

*We are Rich
because we are Poor*

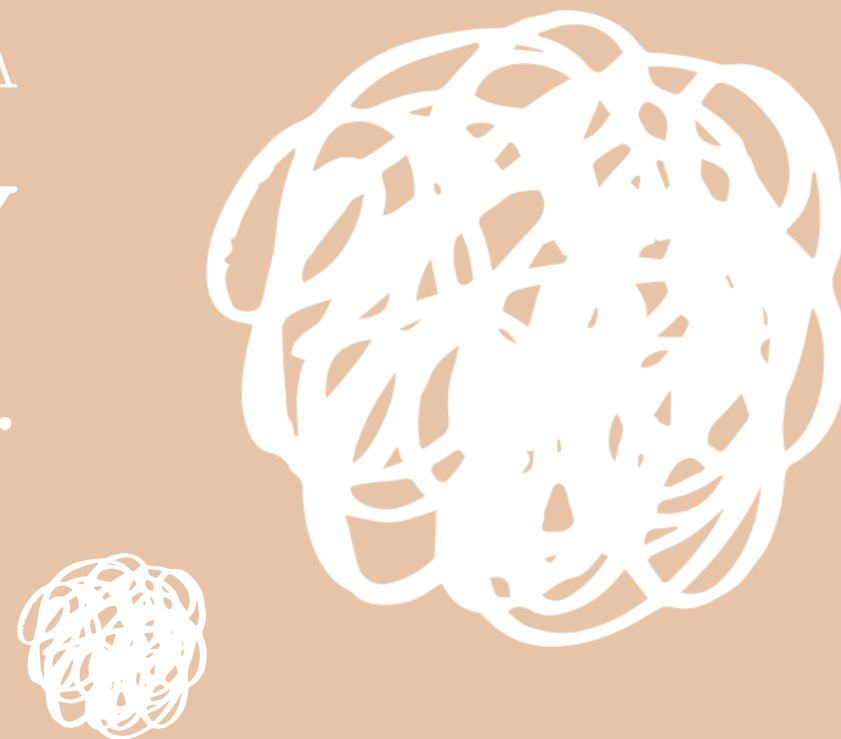
*The Christian
Life is a Paradox
of sorts*

*Jesus said, “If we lose our
lives, we shall find it.”*



God knows what's best

HE IS NOT A
COSMIC KILLJOY
NOR A COSMIC COMIC.



HIS PRONOUNCEMENTS
ARE NOT PROBABILITIES
BUT CERTAINTIES.

because He created us.



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verses 1-2

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verse 3

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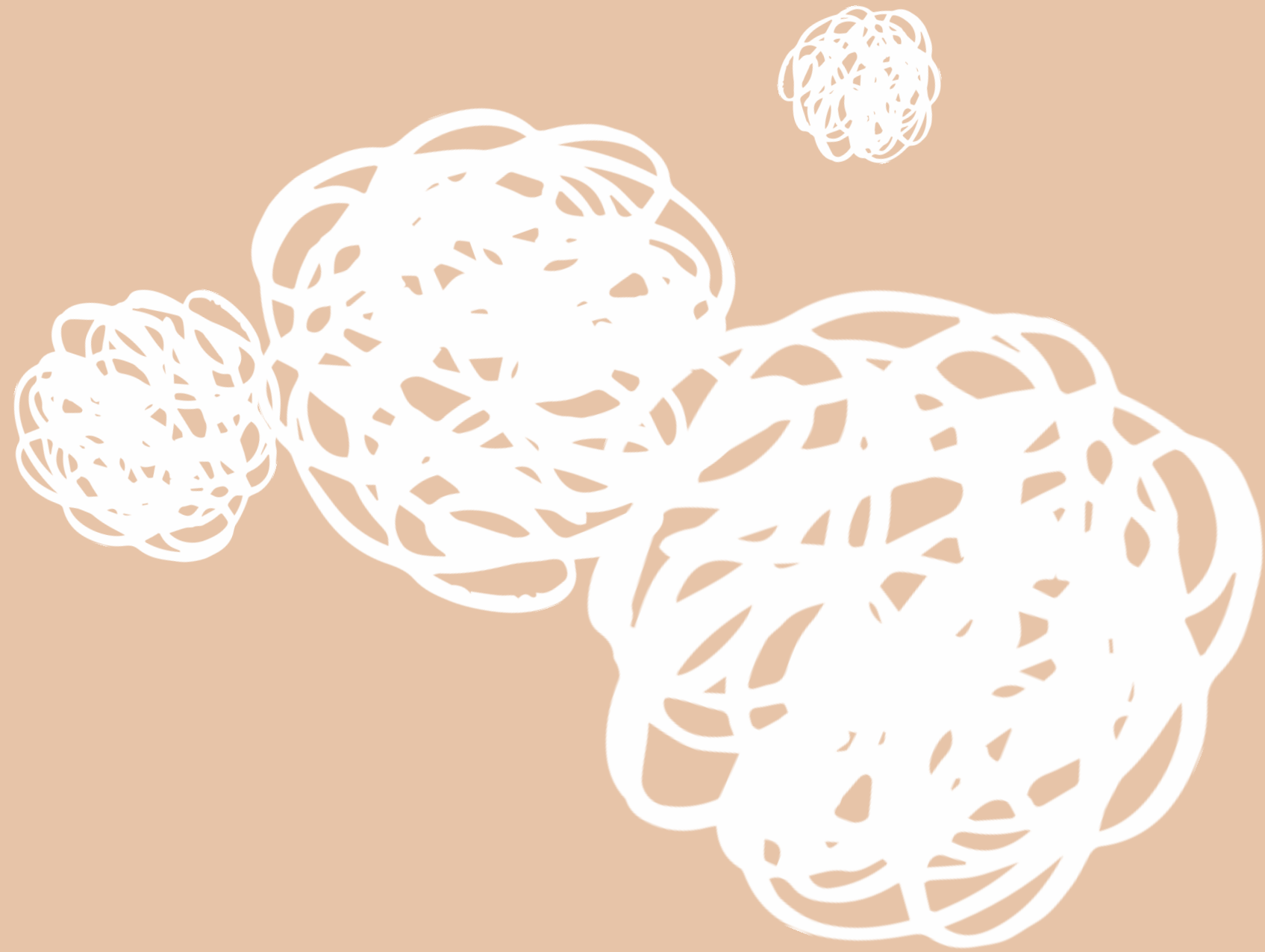
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Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS NOT

It is not **MATERIAL POVERTY**.

Some say it should read “blessed in spirit are the poor”, but **poverty never guarantees spirituality**.

Many who are poor are “**RICH IN SPIRIT**” meaning **COVETOUS** or **GREEDY**.

WHAT IT IS

It speaks primarily of **HUMILITY** before God.

The Greek word used here speaks of a man who is reduced to **TOTAL DESTITUTION**.

The phrase “**in spirit**” signifies not a literal and physically poor person but somebody who is a “**beggar**” towards God.



Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS

- 1. COMPLETELY BANKRUPT
Spiritual bankruptcy.

“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh”

Romans 7:18



Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS

1. COMPLETELY BANKRUPT

Spiritual bankruptcy.

- Our righteous deeds will not do anything to bring us to salvation.

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Isaiah 64:6



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⁴ although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

Philippians 3:4-8



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⁷ But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

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Our righteous deeds will not do anything to bring us to salvation.

☉ After salvation, this is a
CONTINUING ATTITUDE.

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

1 Timothy 1:15



Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS

1. COMPLETELY BANKRUPT

 2. NO BOASTFULNESS

“to shrink, cower or cringe” as
beggars often did in that day

⁴When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets.”

Luke 5:4-8



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⁶ When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; ⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

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⁸ But when Simon Peter saw that,
he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying,
“Go away from me Lord, for I am a
sinful man!”

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IN POVERTY OF SPIRIT,
THERE CAN BE NO

self pre-occupation.



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 3. HELPLESS

being completely dependent on
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Absolutely **NO MEANS OF SELF-SUPPORT** and is **DEPENDENT** on
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being completely dependent on others for sustenance



being crouched in a corner begging




Absolutely **NO MEANS OF SELF-SUPPORT** and is **DEPENDENT** on the mercy of others

He depends on God's grace and humbles himself before God all the time.

MANIFESTATION:

Prayer.





“We shall not rely upon our natural birth.
We shall not rely upon our belonging to certain
families, nations or nationalities, natural position in
life, or any powers we have, education - school or
college, natural personality or special ability,
morality and conduct and good behavior.”

D. M. Lloyd Jones



Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS

1. COMPLETELY BANKRUPT
2. NO BOASTFULNESS
3. HELPLESS
4. LIVES ONE DAY AT A TIME


He TRUSTS God's mercies to be
NEW every morning.

Everyday he
begs for God's mercy
for his life.



Poor in Spirit

WHAT IT IS

1. COMPLETELY BANKRUPT
2. NO BOASTFULNESS
3. HELPLESS
4. LIVES ONE DAY AT A TIME
-  5. GRATEFULNESS

He doesn't complain about what he receives. He takes Christ's terms knowing that he is **UNWORTHY!**

His gratefulness results in

WORSHIP.



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6. ABSOLUTELY NEEDED


⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector

Luke 18:9-14



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¹¹ “The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² ‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’

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¹³ “But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ ¹⁴ “I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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‘Because you say, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,” and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

Revelation 3:17







*"The Christian is a man and
the only man in the world who
is truly aware of his own
limitations."*



D. M. LLOYD JONES



RICHES OF POVERTY
IN SPIRIT



"The DOOR to God's kingdom
is LOW - No one who stands
TALL can enter it."



RICHES OF POVERTY
IN SPIRIT



How to maintain Poverty of Spirit



RICHES OF POVERTY
IN SPIRIT



1. TURN YOUR EYES OFF YOURSELF AND LOOK TO GOD.

“Look at Him and the more we look at Him, the more hopeless shall we feel by ourselves and in and of ourselves and the more we shall become poor in spirit.

It is what you feel in the presence of God. If you don't know poverty of spirit, it ultimately means that you HAVE


NEVER FACED Him.”





How to maintain Poverty of Spirit

1. TURN YOUR EYES OFF
YOURSELF AND LOOK TO GOD.

 2. Don't pursue PERSONAL
GREATNESS, PRAISE,
COMPLIMENTS and POPULARITY.

“A man who shrinks at the thought of
greatness and honor.”





How to maintain Poverty of Spirit

1. TURN YOUR EYES OFF YOURSELF AND LOOK TO GOD.
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3. PRAYER:

The Psalmist prayed:

“Create in me a clean heart, renew right spirit within me.”





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