

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS





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#### Isaiah 57:15

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

A. Being poor in spirit helps you realize that God doesn't owe you anything.

B. Those who are poor in spirit are not afraid to ask for help.

## Luke 18:11-12

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

## Luke 18:13

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

C. Those who are poor in spirit are in a position to receive.

D. Those who are poor in spirit make much of Jesus and the cross.

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