

The Road Less Traveled

Part 2:

Blessed Poverty

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

Luke 18:9-14
(p. 1056 or p. 1126)

What does Jesus mean by “Poor in Spirit”?

There are two common Greek words for “poor.”

1. “the working poor”
2. “the poverty stricken”

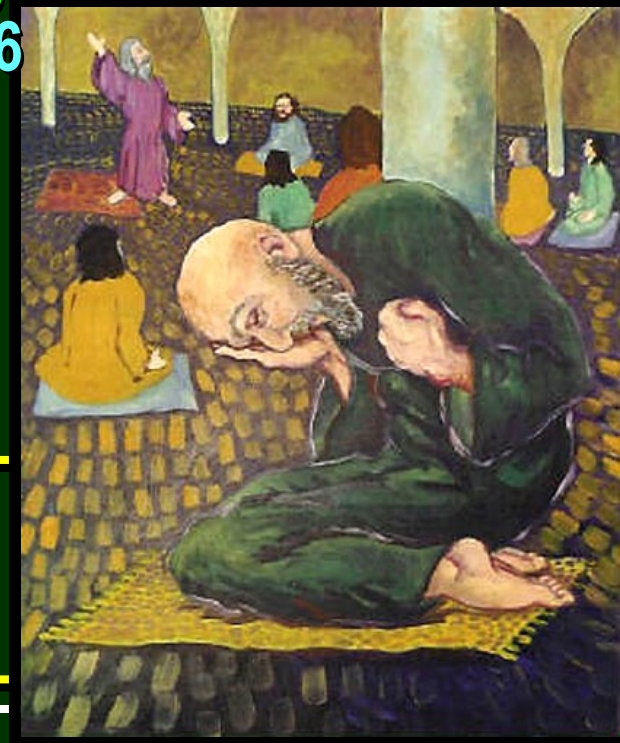
“Blessed are those who are absolutely destitute and know that they have no resources to help themselves.”

“This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.” Ps. 34:6

In the spiritual life,
self-sufficiency is not a good thing.

“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and of his rule.” Eugene Peterson



The Benefits of Being “Poor in Spirit”?

Being “poor in spirit” ...

- 1. Makes me willing to accept Jesus.*
- 2. Keeps me praying.*
- 3. Empowers me to love others.*
- 4. Allows me to receive ministry from others.*
- 5. Enables me to give God the glory.*

