

FIVE ENVIRONMENTS:

MOST OF OUR PROGRESS:

1. Physical Environment
(wealth, technology, health – the material world)
2. Cognitive Environment
(knowledge, information, education – the intellectual world)

FIVE ENVIRONMENTS:

MOST OF OUR PAIN:

3. Social Environment
(Family, friends, church – the societal world)
4. Emotional Environment
(feelings, attitudes – the psychological world)
5. Spiritual Environment
(the eternal and transcendent – God)

For being so highly educated, so many are painfully dumb.

How do we become a mature person?

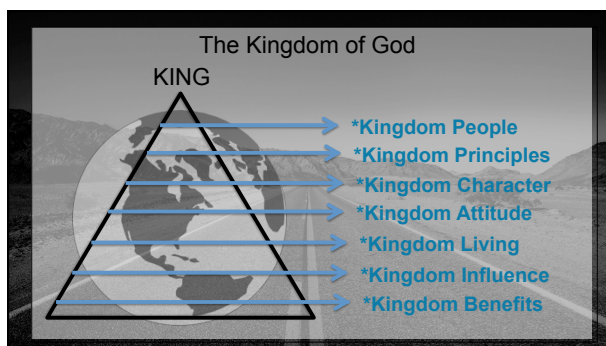
The Sermon on The Mount Provides The Answer

The answer Jesus gives is the only answer that WORKS!

The Sermon On The Mount

The Historical Context

- In Matthew 5:1, Jesus begins to teach his disciples.
- This is the Lord's description of what He wants His disciples TO BE and TO DO!
- The Kingdom



The Sermon On The Mount

The Historical Context

- The order Jesus lists forth is critical
- Character before conduct
- Being before doing

What you ARE is more important than what you DO.

What you ARE determines what you DO!

How can I impact my society?

BY BEING DIFFERENT

The new plan is new people!

MATTHEW 5:3

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

MATTHEW 5:3

A. BLESSED

- Blessed = “one approved by God”
- What kind of person does God approve?

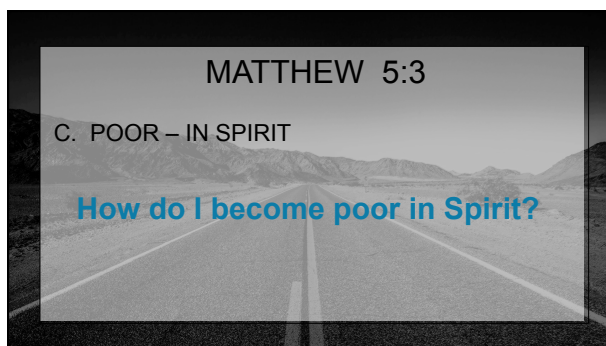
B. THE POOR

- The Pauper
- The Beggar

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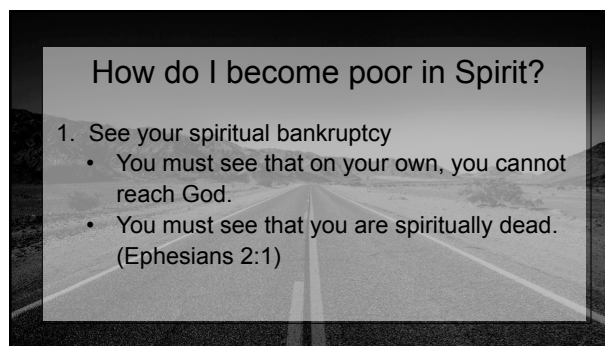
C. POOR – IN SPIRIT

How do I become poor in Spirit?



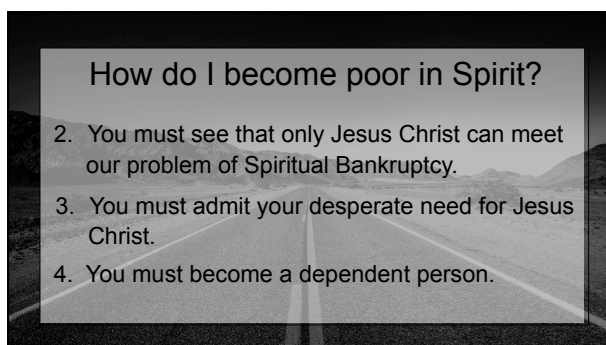
How do I become poor in Spirit?

1. See your spiritual bankruptcy
 - You must see that on your own, you cannot reach God.
 - You must see that you are spiritually dead. (Ephesians 2:1)



How do I become poor in Spirit?

2. You must see that only Jesus Christ can meet our problem of Spiritual Bankruptcy.
3. You must admit your desperate need for Jesus Christ.
4. You must become a dependent person.

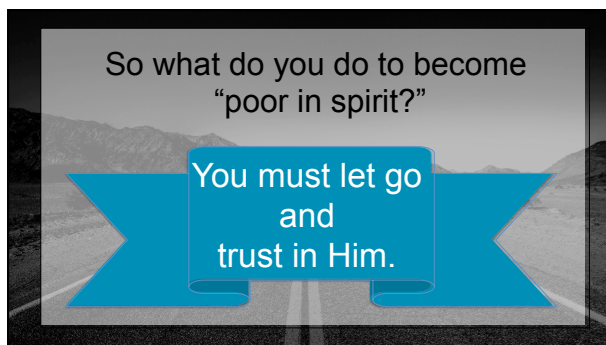


LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE!



So what do you do to become "poor in spirit?"

You must let go and trust in Him.



MATTHEW 5:3

C. POOR – IN SPIRIT

D. THE PROMISE

- "For theirs is the kingdom of heaven..."



