

## Kingdom Character Lesson 5

● The beatitudes are S\_\_\_\_\_ in the evolution of Christian character.

### \* Matthew 5:3

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

● The Greek Word For “Poor” Is PTOCHOS.

- PTOCHOS Is From A Verb Meaning *“To Cringe, To Shrink, Or To C\_\_\_\_\_.”*
- Classical Greek Used The Word PTOCHOS (Poor) To Describe A Person Reduced To Total Destitution Who Crouched In A Corner, B\_\_\_\_\_.

● The Word Commonly Used For O\_\_\_\_\_ “Poverty” Was PENICHROS.

- One Who Was PTOCHOS Poor, Was Completely D\_\_\_\_\_ On Someone Else’s Resources.

## Kingdom Character Lesson 5

● To Be **“Poor In Spirit”** Is To Be *“Poor”* In The Inward Man, Not In Outward Circumstances. It Is To Be Poor, S\_\_\_\_\_.

● To Be **“Poor In Spirit”** Is To R\_\_\_\_\_ One’s Spiritual Poverty Before and Apart From God.

● To Be **“Poor In Spirit”** Is The Opposite Of Being Rich In P\_\_\_\_\_.

- Being **“Poor In Spirit”** Is Recognizing That We Are Spiritually B\_\_\_\_\_ Before God.

● The First Beatitude, *“Blessed Are The Poor In Spirit, For Theirs Is The Kingdom Of Heaven,”* Is A Statement Of A Person’s Complete I\_\_\_\_\_ To Please God By Any Human Effort.

*“The only thing of my very own which I can contribute to my own salvation is the sin from which I need to be redeemed.”*

William Temple

## Kingdom Character Lesson 5

Kingdom Character Is Formed In Those Who Know That They Are Bankrupt Of It And Thus Depend On God For It.

- Being **“Poor In Spirit”** is the First Beatitude because HUMILITY MUST P\_\_\_\_\_ EVERYTHING ELSE.

### \* James 4:6

*“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

● We Must Become “Poor” In Spirit Before We Can Become R\_\_\_\_\_ In God’s Spiritual Blessings.

### \* Matthew 5:4

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

**Philips:** *How happy are those who know what sorrow means for they will be given courage and comfort!*

**Wuest:** *Spiritually prosperous are those who are mourning, because they themselves shall be encouraged and strengthened by consolation.*

● This verse deals with the heavy mourning we experience when we recognize the true S\_\_\_\_\_ of our fallen hearts.

## Kingdom Character Lesson 5

● Mourn is the Greek word **PENTHEŌ** which means to mourn for, or L\_\_\_\_\_.

● **PENTHEŌ** : “Manifest grief that is severe enough to take P\_\_\_\_\_ of a person; a grief that cannot be hidden.

● **PENTHEŌ** is a deep inner A\_\_\_\_\_.

*“If you can look on sin without sorrow then you have never  
looked on Christ.”*

*-Charles Spurgeon*

Jesus is calling for **mourning** over:

1. Our I\_\_\_\_\_ sins.
2. The sins of the W\_\_\_\_\_.

● **PENTHEO** is in the present tense which means that our reaction to the sin within us and around us should be one of C\_\_\_\_\_ mourning.

● The God we have sinned against is also the God who F\_\_\_\_\_ and comforts.

*"There can be no comfort where there is no grief"*

## Kingdom Character Lesson 5

### **\*Psalm 34:18**

*<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

*“God never breaks with the rod of judgment those who are already sore with the rod of conviction.”*

-Charles Spurgeon

*"God's comfort is R\_\_\_\_\_. It comes in the form of his divine C\_\_\_\_\_. He is our ally. He personally binds up our sorrows and consoles us. How comprehensive our comfort is! It is immediate. It comes to us alone. It comes personally in the Person of the Holy Spirit. And it is based on the forgiveness of our sins. That is why we are called "blessed." What a stupendous paradox! Jesus stands truth on its head to get our attention, and he says, "Would you be comforted? Then mourn. Would you be happy? Then weep."*

-Kent Hughes