

# Living Between The Steps Part 2

Becoming A Blessed Beggar

Matthew 5:3

**Heb 12:1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,** and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

**Heb 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Jas 1:14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

**Jas 1:15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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**Php 1:6** ... confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Php 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I* do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Php 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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Luk 16:20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Rom 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous,  
no, not one:

**Rom 3:11** There is none that understandeth, there  
is none that seeketh after God.

**Rom 3:12** They are all gone out of the way, they are  
together become unprofitable; there is none that  
doeth good, no, not one.

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**Mat 23:23** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

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**Luk 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.

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Luk 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather than the other*: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

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Luk 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:



# Stop Comparing Ourselves To Others

**Pro 16:5** Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD:

- I. Stop Comparing Ourselves To Others
- II. Stop Counting On Performance

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**Isa 64:6** But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

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From an unused root meaning to *set* a period (compare H5710 and H5749); the menstrual flux (as periodical); by implication (in plural) soiling: - filthy.

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**Jas 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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- III. Start Considering The Benefits Of Being Poor In Spirit

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**Pro 29:23** A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

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**Psa 103:1** *A Psalm of David.* Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *ble*ss his holy name.

**Psa 103:2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

# Start Considering The Benefits Of Being Poor In Spirit

1. It Improves all of our relationships.
2. It creates an attitude of gratitude.
3. It opens the door to God's power in our lives.

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**Jas 4:6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

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4 Kinds of Grace:

## 1. Saving Grace

**Eph 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

**Eph 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should  
boast.

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4 Kinds of Grace:

## 2. Empowering Grace

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4 Kinds of Grace:

## 3. Sustaining Grace

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee**: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.



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4 Kinds of Grace:

## 4. Refining Grace

Col 4:6 **Let your speech *be* always with grace,** seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

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**Act 2:47** Praising God, and having **favour** with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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