

IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU DEPEND ON
The Keys To A Blessed Life– Part 1
MATTHEW 5:3
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“BLESSED are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (NIV)

“God blesses those who realize their need for him . . .” (NLT)

“. . . who recognize they are spiritually helpless . . .” (GW)

“. . . who depend only on HIM . . .” (CEV)

“. . . who know they have great spiritual needs . . .” (NCV)

Psalm 146:5 (CEV) *“The Lord God blesses everyone who trusts him and depends on him.”*

TO BE “POOR IN SPIRIT” MEANS: I humbly depend on _____ not _____

HOW DO I DO THIS?

1. I depend on God’s _____, not mine

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) *“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”*

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT) *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in ALL you do, and he will direct your paths. Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, respect the Lord and turn your back on evil.”*

How do I get God’s wisdom? Two ways: You pray and you read

James 1:5 *“If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray and ask God, who gives it generously and graciously to all.”*

God’s _____ and God’s _____ are in God’s _____

2. I depend on God’s _____, not mine

Psalm 84:5a (CEV) *“You bless all who depend on you for their strength.”*

Isaiah 40:31 (TEV) *“Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.”*

Psalm 71:16a (LB) *“I walk in the strength of the Lord.”*

Psalm 73:26 (NLT) *“My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart. He is mine forever!”*

3. I depend on God's _____, not mine

KEY: While you're waiting God is working

Psalm 31:14-15a "I trust in you, O Lord. You are my God. My times are in your hands."

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (TEV) "God has set the right time for everything."

Isaiah 60:22b (NCV) "I am the Lord, and when it is time, I will make these things happen quickly."

Micah 7:7 (CEV) "I trust the Lord God to save me, and I will wait for him to answer my prayer."

Important lesson: God always gives his best to those who wait

4. I depend on God's _____, not mine

Psalm 2:12 (CEV) "God blesses and protects everyone who runs to him."

Psalm 62:5-7 (TEV) "I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him. He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated. My salvation and honor depend on God; he is my strong protector; he is my shelter!"

5. I depend on God's _____, not mine

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will supply all my needs from his abundant wealth because of what Christ Jesus has done for us."

My job is a channel but God is my source.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR NEXT STEP IN EXPRESSING YOUR DEPENDENCE

(Decide now---circle the step you need to do, then during invitation, follow through with it)

Salvation

Rededication

Membership (by)

Profession of Faith

Baptism

Letter

Statement

Confession

Special Service