

**The Gospel of Matthew #26**

**Sermon on the Mount: How to Be Happy**

**#1: HAPPY ARE THE BEGGARS**

**Matthew 5:3**

I. What does it **mean** to be “poor in spirit”?

Verb form of “poor”: cower & cringe like a \_\_\_\_\_

Cf. Lazarus the “beggar”

Isa 57:15;

66:2

Psm 34:18;

51:17

Luke 18:9-13

Egs:

II. Why is it **first**?

\_\_\_\_\_ to everything else in life

III. Why is it so **unnatural**?

Attacks the core of our \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

IV. What is the **result**?

You only gain the “Kingdom of Heaven” when you give up trying to  
prove that you \_\_\_\_\_ it

Heaven & Happiness

V. How do I **become** “poor in spirit”?

Being honest with yourself about what your heart is really like.

No blameshifting or rationalizations

VI. How will I **know** if I am “poor in spirit”?

When \_\_\_\_\_:

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