

# From Nothing to Everything!

Series: From Broken to Blessed

[A Study of the Beatitudes – Matthew 5:1-12]

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

*Matthew 5:3*

## 1. We've been broken by **sin**.

*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned - Romans 5:12*

We live in a broken **world**.

In this world, people **throw** away what has been broken.

God can **heal** what has been broken.

*My spirit is broken; my days are extinct; the graveyard is ready for me . . . My days are past; my plans are broken off, the desires of my heart. Job 17:1, 11*

*All creation groans with pain. Romans 8:22*

'Nothing works **perfectly**, because sin has damaged everything.' - Rick Warren

## 2. We've been bruised and beaten by **Satan**.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. John 10:10a*

## 3. We've been bought and blessed by the **Savior**!

*Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19*

## What do we learn from this first principle?

1. Acknowledging spiritual bankruptcy is the **first** step toward life to the fullest.
2. Jesus didn't die to make you **miserable**.
3. Less of you and more of **Him** is the recipe for life.
4. Without Him you have nothing but with Him you have **everything**.

## Takeaways:

To be poor in spirit means I **depend** on the Lord – not myself – and that is the key to His blessing.

(From Rick Warren)

### 1. I depend on God's **wisdom**, not mine.

*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. Proverbs 3:5-7, NLT*

### 2. I depend on God's **strength**, not mine.

*I walk in the strength of the Lord. Psalm 71:16a, LB*

### 3. I depend on God's **timing**, not mine.

*God has set the right time for everything. Ecc. 3:11, TEV*

### 4. I depend on God's **defense**, not mine.

*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! Psalm 62:5-7, GNT*

### 5. I depend on God's **wealth**, not mine.

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*