Happy are The Poor in Spirit! Matthew 5:3

- 1. The explanation of being poor in spirit
 - A. It does not refer to physical poverty
 - B. It does recognize our spiritual poverty
- 2. The <u>picture</u> of being poor in spirit Luke 18:9-14
 - A. The spiritual pride of the Pharisee
 - B. The spiritual poverty of the tax collector
 - He came <u>repentant</u>
 - He left <u>justified</u>
- 3. The promise to those who are poor in spirit
 - A. They will be **blessed**
 - B. Theirs is the **Kingdom of heaven**

The poor in spirit test:

- Am I right with God?
- Am I focused on God?
- Am I submitted to God?
- Am I happy in Jesus?