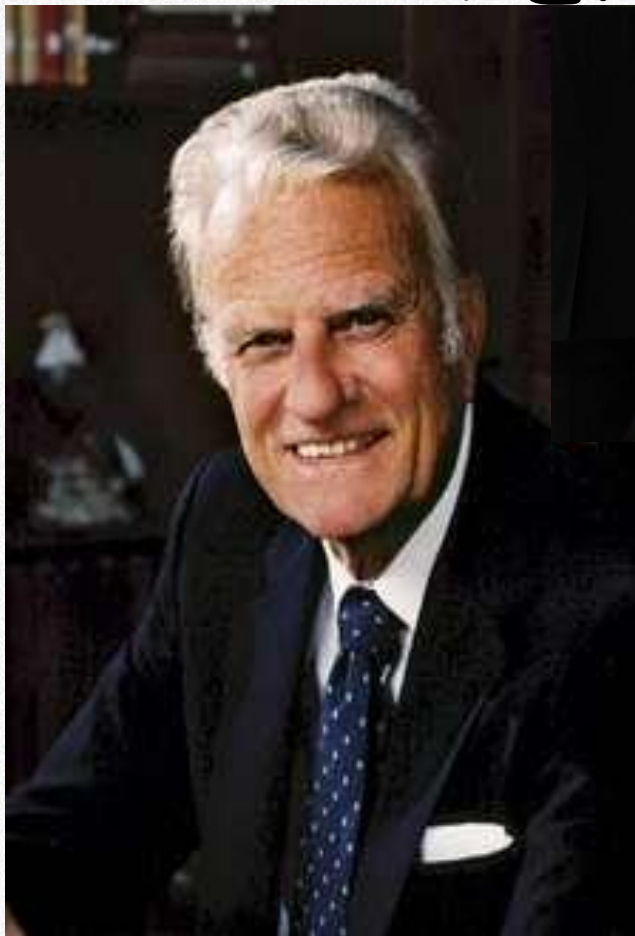




# Be Blessed

Matthew 5:1-12

# WHAT DOES A BLESSED PERSON LOOK LIKE?



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# THE BEATITUDES

- They are a description of what every Christian is meant to be.
- All Christians are meant to manifest all of these characteristics. It is not a list you get to choose from, every Christian is meant to be all of them.
- None of these come naturally.



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*5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.*

- when a Rabbi had something official to teach he would sit down.
- this was THE central, official, and very essence of His teaching
- Jesus is revealing his heart and mind to you and me and all those who would venture to follow Him



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“BLESSED” are the poor in spirit,

- Makarios= happy
- happiness depends on CIRCUMSTANCES therefore uncertain and temporary.
- “Blessed” refers to one’s relationship to GOD and refers to a condition of inner SPIRITUALITY.



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Blessed are the *POOR IN SPIRIT*

- Not *MATERIALLY* Poor
- But Poor In *SPIRIT*
- Example - Luke 18:9-14



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# Theirs is the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

- Poor in Spirit=Kingdom of Heaven
- It is their possession
- It is thiers NOW



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# How Do I KNOW If I am Poor In Spirit?

- You will depend on GOD'S WISDOM NOT YOUR OWN. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- You will depend on GOD'S STRENGTH NOT YOUR OWN. (Psalm 84:5)
- You will depend on GOD TO DEFEND YOU NOT YOURSELF. (Psalm 62:5-7)
- You will depend on GOD'S PROVISION NOT YOUR OWN. (Philippians 4:8)
- Rick Warren: Your job shouldn't be your security. Your job is a channel, but God is your source.



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## PreachingPoint

***The blessed life begins by emptying yourself of self, and filling yourself up with God and putting your trust in Him.***

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