



Truth – God wants you to be happy  
(Though His way to happiness – may not be what we think it is or should be)

Matthew 5-7 - Is Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*

Matthew 5:3-10 - Are often called the 'Beatitudes'

Beatitude (latin) blessedness's

makarios – happy \*

eulogia – bless

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Happy are the poor in spirit,

Deep Happiness flows from realizing I need God (really, really need!)

2 Words for Poor

1<sup>st</sup> Penēs – you need to work to survive

2<sup>nd</sup> Ptō chos – you need to beg to survive \*

How much do you need God?

What do you need God for?

*“Come near to God and he will come near to you.”*

James 4:8a

*“You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”*

Revelations 3:17

Insight:

The more I realize I need God,  
The more I realize others need God!

...for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven  
-This is a now & then blessing-

The Kingdom of Heaven is the place where what God wants done, is being done.

*“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

Matthew 6:10

*“Jesus replied, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again’.”*

John 3:3

Further Discussion:

1. Going into Deep Happiness study – How much did you think you needed God: how ‘poor in spirit’ did you feel?
2. How much are you realizing / feeling now?  
1-100 before                      1-100 currently
3. Where do you really need God?
4. Share your thoughts on  
Revelations 3:17  
James 4:8