



POOR AND HAPPY

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

MATTHEW 5:3 ESV

_____ describes the working man who is poor but not destitute. He has enough food, clothing, and shelter, but no frills.

_____ describes absolute and abject poverty, the beggar who has nothing.

Jesus used _____ to describe the person who happily enters the kingdom of heaven.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts

himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” LUKE
18:10-14 ESV

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. ROMANS 3:23 ESV

*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are
like a filthy garment.* ISAIAH 64:6 ESV

“We must admit we are poor before we can be made rich.” BILLY GRAHAM,
THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS

“The first link between my soul and Christ is not my goodness but my
badness, not my merit but my misery, not my riches but my need.” CHARLES
HADDON SPURGEON

The ABCs of Your Happy Place

“A” = _____ ROMANS 3:23

“B” = _____ ACTS 16:31

“C” = _____ ROMANS 10:9-10

“D” = _____ ROMANS 8:13