

“Blessed are the poor in spirit! For the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.”

***“Proclaiming the TRUTH by Divine Appointment”***

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Teachings of Yeshua messiah

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:3

Isaiah 61:1

The poor in spirit are those whose total dependence is on G-d. They are those who do not think highly of themselves but regard themselves as nothing without Yeshua *(Jesus)* and the Ruach HaKodesh *(Holy Spirit)*. They recognize that their very existence is because of G-d. This character is found within our hearts and is demonstrated not by the words we say, but by our actions. We cannot pretend to be poor in spirit.

The word ‘poor’ denotes that there is a lacking but the only lack that’s found in those that are poor in spirit is a lack of pride, arrogance, vanity, self-righteousness, self-absorption, etc. In the world’s eyes if you do not live a certain lifestyle or you lack material possessions you are considered poor, but G-d chose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and to receive the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him *(James 2:5).*

The reward of being poor in spirit is the Kingdom of Heaven and it’s not something that we have to wait to receive, but we receive it the moment we put our trust in G-d. It is being reconciled to the Father and having him dwell with us. It’s being able to commune with the Father and hear Him speak. The poor in spirit have the privilege of doing the work of the Lord on earth just as it’s being done in heaven. *(Matthew 6:10).*

Yeshua, although being fully G-d, demonstrated his dependence on the Father by do nothing on his own, but by doing exactly what the Father desired and required *(John5:19).* His entire life on earth left us an example to follow of humility, obedience and surrender to the Father. Abraham is another example of one who showed total dependence on G-d when he obeyed G-d’s instructions of offering up his promised son as a burnt offering and leaving his country. He trusted G-d beyond his own understanding.

As followers of Yeshua we help others when we exhibit this character by causing them to see their need for G-d and that there is a greater purpose in life that goes far beyond ourselves.

The only way we can demonstrate this character is by operating our lives by the Spirit of G-d and he will enable us to announce good news to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, free the captives, reveal light to those bound in darkness and proclaim the year of the favor of G-d, so we must surrender and yield to him daily so that others can put their trust in G-d and be set free to serve Him.

*Yeshua demonstrated this character:*

*by doing nothing on his own, but doing exactly what the Father desired and required*

*We help others when we exhibit this character of righteousness by:*

*Operating our lives by the Spirit of G-d*

*“Abrahaml” exemplified this character when: he obeyed G-d’s instructions of sacrificing his promised son and leaving his country*

*The following questions can only be completed in Shabbat Service when additional answers are given.*

1. What did you learn about Yeshua’s display of this character?

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1. What demonic activity do I need to denounce in order to come in line with Yeshua’s character?

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