



#reliance

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[Matthew 5:1-3](#)

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:1-3 NIV)

Consider & Discuss

1. How do you define winning?
2. Can winning ever been bad? Can losing ever be good?
3. Read [Matthew 5:1-3](#). What strikes you about these verses?
4. How would you explain what being "poor in spirit" means? Do you think of it as positive or negative? Why?
5. What do you think "the kingdom of heaven" means? Do you see it as something desirable? Why or why not?
6. How would you explain the relationship between being "poor in spirit" and "the kingdom of heaven"?
7. What suggestions do you have for how someone can become more "poor in spirit"?

Live It

1. Memorize [Matthew 5:3](#).
2. Take some time to prayerfully consider whether you are more interested in building God's kingdom or your own.
3. Ask God to give you a greater desire to see His kingdom come and His will be done than your own kingdom and will.