

Sermon Series: "Counter Culture"

Text: Matthew 5-7

Message 3: Beatitude #1 – "Spiritual Poverty"

KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:3

+ Sermon On The Mount:

- * Jesus' commentary on the Old Testament - (Matthew 5:17)
- * Citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven – (responsibilities & benefits)

*** What does it mean to be "Poor in Spirit"?**

- John 15:5 / Romans 12:3

- there are two distinct Greek terms for "poor / poverty / impoverished"

- Entrance into the Kingdom: _____

- "Humility" – Greek: **tapeinoo** = to make low, to be leveled, reduce, emptying ego

* Matthew 23:12

* Isaiah 57:15

* Isaiah 66:2

* James 3:13

* 1 Peter 5:5-6

* Philippians 2:5-8

- 3 questions to ask myself – AM I WILLING TO OBEY GOD'S WORD:

1) if it means I lose?

2) if it means someone else might not understand?

3) if I don't really like what it's telling me to do?

"The branch that bears the most fruit is bent the lowest to the ground..."