



Scriptures

- **John 14:6**  
<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- **Matthew 5:3-12**  
<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- **Luke 12:15**  
<sup>15</sup>Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."
- **Matthew 16:26**  
<sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
- **John 5:19**  
<sup>19</sup>Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
- **John 8:28**  
<sup>28</sup>So Jesus said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.
- **Revelation 3:15-18**  
<sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.



**Other Scriptures**

- **Matthew 9:9**
- **Acts 1:9-20**
- **Matthew 1:1**
- **Ezekiel 34:23-24**
- **Revelation 22:16**
- **Revelation 5:5**
- **Genesis 22:18**
- **2 Corinthians 12:7-10**
- **John 6:63**

**Main Points**

- The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke referred to as the “Synoptic Gospels”
  - They include many of the same stories, often in similar sequence and wording
  - Matthew is the only Gospel that includes the Beatitudes
    - Matthew was with Jesus during His entire earthly ministry
- The Beatitudes are the ways of eternity!
- King David is a symbol for the Messiah!
- The secret of happiness is within!
  - The Kingdom of God is in you!
  - We need to pursue Jesus on His terms if we are going to be happy
    - Happiness is not the goal, it is the bi-product of serving the LORD
- Jesus was constantly aware of His dependence on the Father
  - Being poor in spirit means to live in a conscious awareness of being dependent on God
- Jesus works through those that realize they are weak and depend on Him

**Discussion Questions**

1. How can you make changes in your life to become poorer in spirit?
2. Why is it important to recognize that David was a shadow of Messiah?
3. Discuss how the Beatitudes contradict the ways of the world and even other religions.
4. What is the secret of true happiness and how do we obtain it?