

Happy Are The Lacking



The Beatitudes:

- 1. Give Us 8 kingdom pathways to blessing and happiness.
- 2. Focus on our spiritual, mental, and emotional state of being.
- 3. Show us how a blessed, fortunate child of the King can live.





Blessed: Happy and fortunate because of the favor of God.

Makarios: Supreme happiness; divine joy and perfect happiness, reserved for the divine.





"Biblical happiness is a state of blessing and joy which is serene, untouchable, and self-contained."

William Barclay





Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Matthew 5:3 (GNT)





God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)

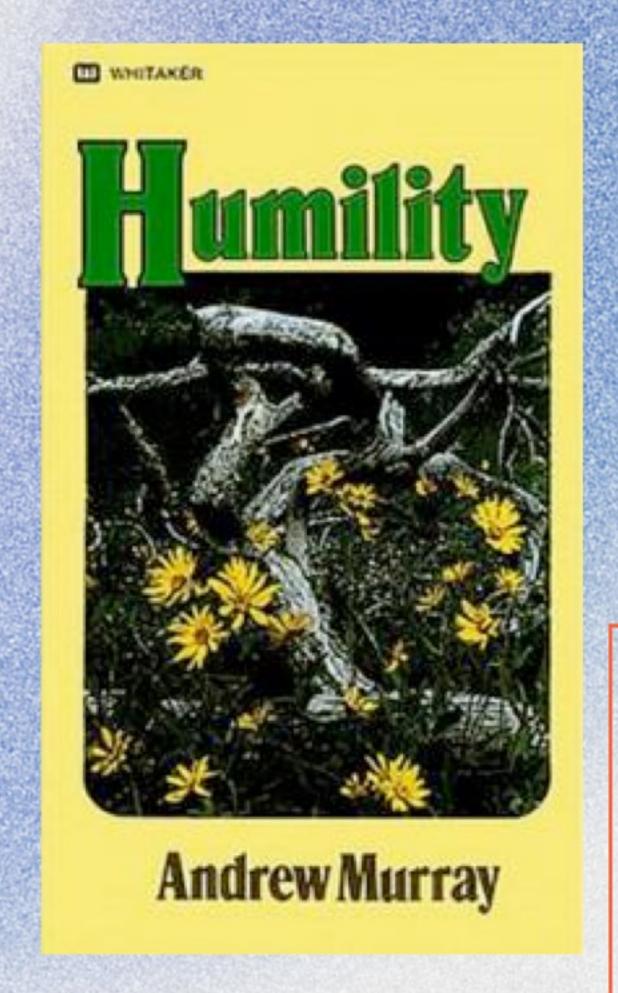


The Poor in Spirit Understand



But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

"Here is the path to the higher life: down, lower down! Just as water always seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds men abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless."



Andrew Murray



"We are all worms. But I do believe that I am a glow-worm."

Winston Churchill





The Poor in Spirit Live With Grateful Flexibility





"Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple."

Barry Switzer



Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you.

Exodus 20:24 (NIV)

When the poor speak, they have to be polite, but when the rich answer, they are rude.

Proverbs 18:23 (GNT)

The poor use entreaties, but the rich answer roughly.

Proverbs 18:23 (ESV)

