

Matthew 5:3

The Beauty on Nothingness

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Pride never leaves us in a better position.

Is pride an issue in your life? Do you find yourself concentrating a lot on yourself? Do you hate it when you need help? Have you ever said – “I hate depending on other people?” You can’t stand the idea of being “vulnerable” to anyone – your family, friends, Small Group?

“God creates out of nothing. Therefore until man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.”
- Martin Luther

1. A common theme to poverty is a person in need.

- To be “poor in spirit” is to realize that I have nothing, am nothing, and can do nothing, and have need of all things. It’s the painful discovery that all my righteousness/ works/deeds are but filthy rags.
- When this verse says that we are poor it is not a maybe in our lives, it is the truth of our condition. It’s a reality. Everybody, whether they sense it or not, is powerless without God and bankrupt and helpless and unclean and unworthy before God.
- The question is this - do we sense it and do we own it.
- The Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24)
 - Spiritually Proud people make EXCUSES. They make excuses, because they rather give their heart to property, possession, and people before they give any attention to Christ.
 - Those who are poor, those who are broken - don’t have anything to make excuses. They don’t have anything that stands in the way.
 - These outcasts – their greatest joy will not be in the fact that their tummy’s will be filled, but because they are now in the company of the man throwing this banquet.

A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing.
- Martin Luther

2. “For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

- God is MOST glorified when we have nothing and STILL find satisfaction in Him.
- The kingdom, now and the future, is ALL about possessing Him. He’s the end. The period. The exclamation mark.
- “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

Jesus is our reason to stop concentrating on ourselves.

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
(Ps 73:25-26)



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