

“Beatitude-Walking Poor” Matthew 5: 3

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 5: 3 (NIV)

Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. Who are the "haves" in our culture?
2. How do you receive brokenness?
3. What causes a person to drift away from "walking poor"?
4. What prevents people from entering the kingdom?

In **For Heaven’s Sake**, p.95-105, Kreeft writes on “The Poor in Spirit versus the Proud at Heart.” Some highlights:

- * Pride is the greatest sin. The devil is the source of pride, not the world or the flesh.
 - * Pride is a matter of the spirit. It was the sin of Adam to put himself over the law of God rather than to be under the law of God.
 - * Pride puts self before God, thereby violating the first commandment: “Thou shalt have no other gods before me”.
 - * We constantly make the choice of being either for, or against, God. It is either “Thy will be done” or “My will be done”.
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