Blessed are the poor in spirit  
Matthew 5:3

I. The meaning of “Poor in spirit.”
   a. This beatitude brings us face to face with God. (Luke 18:10-14)
   b. We must have a spirit of ___________. (Luke 6:20; Matthew 19:21-22; Job 1:21)

II. Biblical examples of those who were “poor in spirit.”
   a. In the life of ___________. (Exodus 3:9-11)
   b. In the life of the tax collector. (Luke 18:13-14)
   c. We see it in the response of ___________. (Luke 22:62)

III. What is the reward?
   a. They shall __________ the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 6:10)
   b. Blessings are ours in the kingdom. (James 1:17; Ephesians 1:3-5)
   c. We have the promise of an __________ inheritance. (2 Peter 1:10-11; Revelation 2:10)

IV. How can we be poor in spirit?
   a. We can practice __________- ____________. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
   b. Keep a pure heart. (Galatians 5:22-23)