

## CONFIRMATION

*“We Don’t Brag; We Beg – And the Door Swings Wide Open”*  
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**Text: Matthew 5:3** *“<sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

*<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’*

*<sup>13</sup>“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’*

*<sup>14</sup>“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” – Luke 18:9ff*

If I want to...

### HOW DO I BECOME “POOR IN SPIRIT”?

1. R \_\_\_\_\_ THE W \_\_\_\_\_.

2. S \_\_\_\_\_ THE F \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_.

### HOW DO I KNOW I’M “POOR IN SPIRIT”?

1. You will find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me” (Psalm 131:2).*

2. You will find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (Philippians 4:11-12). Key word*

3. You will find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

4. You will find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

5. You will find yourself \_\_\_\_\_.



Supplemental pieces I would recommend: Philip Yancey’s *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Paul Miller’s *Love Walked Among Us*, John Pollock’s *Master: A Life of Jesus*.