

To be poor in spirit means to be poor in pride and self-reliance and rich in our dependence of God. It requires an understanding that everything we have comes to us at the hand of, and the will of, God. In fact, Deuteronomy 8:18 says,

**“But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”**

In your own life, what are the things or abilities that you have that tempt you to be self-reliant?

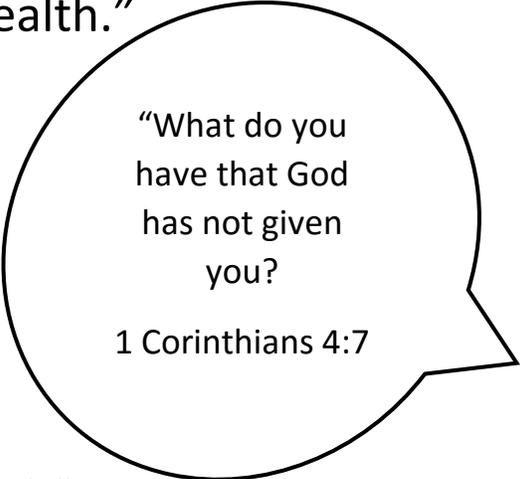
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“What do you have that God has not given you?”

1 Corinthians 4:7

How can reminding yourself that all our blessings, all our abilities and all our advantages come through the love of God draw our attention off of ourselves and onto God?

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Take a moment to thank God for your abilities and provisions.

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“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 3:20

Though we live on this earth, we belong to God’s kingdom. Though we are bound to obey the laws of the places we live, we are held to a higher accountability. This means, in all things, we follow and obey God’s laws above all else.

Think of at least one instance where the laws of man allow something the laws of God forbids. How does living as a citizen of heaven affect your thoughts or actions in this area?

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*Came to My Rescue*

*By: Hillsong United*

*My whole life, I place in Your hands  
God of Mercy, humbled I bow down  
In Your presence at Your throne  
I called, You answered  
And You came to my rescue and I  
I wanna be where You are*

*In my life, be lifted high  
In our world, be lifted high  
In our love, be lifted high*

Tell God what it means to you to be a citizen of his kingdom.

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Blessed are the

Poor in spirit

What  
does  
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For theirs is the

Of God!

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