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### **Isaiah 57:15**

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

- A. Being poor in spirit helps you realize that God doesn't owe you anything.
- B. Those who are poor in spirit are not afraid to ask for help.

# Luke 18:11-12

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

# Luke 18:13

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

- C. Those who are poor in spirit are in a position to receive.
- D. Those who are poor in spirit make much of Jesus and the cross.

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