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The Life God Blesses: Brokenness

Everyone wants to live the blessed life and God desires to bring His blessing to us. However, we don't accidentally fall into being blessed. To live the blessed life requires specific actions.

God's values are not the same as man's values. Real life, freedom, and joy are not found in climbing the socio-economic ladder, but in humbling ourselves; not in being self-sufficient, but in _____ our need of God.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (*Matthew 5:3*)

The word "brokenness" is used in many different ways today. In the Bible, brokenness refers to the stripping of _____ and living one's life completely dependent on God. It is the daily choice of moving from self-reliance to God-reliance.

Luke 18:9-14

The Story of Two Men

- The Pharisee compared himself to others while the tax collector saw his own _____.

- The Pharisee was self-confident and blind to his great need while the tax collector acknowledged his _____ and _____ on God.
- The Pharisee missed God's blessing while the tax collector discovered God's blessing.

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
(*1 Peter 5:5*)

The Pathway to Brokenness

1. Get a fresh _____ of God. (*Isaiah 6:3-5*)
- The closer we get to God, the more clearly we see ourselves as we truly are.
2. Daily acknowledge your _____ need of God. (*Romans 7:24*)
3. Consistently confront self-promotion and _____ . (*Galatians 2:20*)

In God's Kingdom, the way up is down and the way to blessedness is through brokenness.

Answers: acknowledging; self-reliance; crisis; need, relied; vision; spiritual; self-reliance

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