

IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU DEPEND ON

The 8 Keys to a Blessed Life (Beatitudes) – Part 1

Matthew 5:3 (NIV) “BLESSED are the poor in spirit,...”
(NLT) “God blesses those who realize their need for him . . .”
(GW) “. . . who recognize they are spiritually helpless . . .”
(CEV) “. . . who depend only on HIM . . .”
(NCV) “. . . who know they have great spiritual needs . . .”

Psalms 146:5 (CEV) “The Lord God blesses everyone who trusts him and depends on him.”

Five Ways to Express my Dependence on God

1. Depend on God’s _____.

Proverbs 14:12 (NIV) “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT) “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in ALL you do, and he will direct your paths. Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, respect the Lord and turn your back on evil.”

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, you should pray and ask God, who gives it generously and graciously to all.”

2. Depend on God’s _____.

Psalms 84:5a (CEV) “You bless all who depend on you for their strength.”

Isaiah 40:31 (TEV) “Those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.”

Psalms 71:16a (LB) “I walk in the strength of the Lord.”

Psalms 73:26 (NLT) “My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart. He is mine forever!”

2 Corinthians 12:8-10 “Three times I begged God to take away my weakness. Each time God said, ‘My grace is all you need! My power works best in your weakness.’ So, I now gladly boast. I boast about how weak I am. Because when I’m weakest the power of Christ works in me and shows up through me... Whe. I am weak, then I am strong.”

3. Depend on God’s _____.

Psalms 31:14-15a “I trust in you, O Lord. You are my God. My times are in your hands.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11a (TEV) “God has set the right time for everything.”

Isaiah 60:22b (NCV) “I am the Lord, and when it is time, I will make these things happen quickly.”

Micah 7:7 (CEV) “I trust the Lord God to save me, and I will wait for him to answer my prayer.”

4. Depend on God’s _____.

1 Peter 2:23 “When they hurled insults at him [Jesus] he did not retaliate. When he suffered he made no threats back. Instead he entrusted himself to God to set things right.”

Psalms 2:12 (CEV) “God blesses and protects everyone who runs to him.”

Psalms 62:5-7 (TEV) “I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him. He alone protects and saves me; he is my defender, and I shall never be defeated. My salvation and honor depend on God; he is my strong protector; he is my shelter!”

5. Depend on God’s _____.

Philippians 4:19 “And my God will supply all my needs from his abundant wealth because of what Christ Jesus has done for us.”