

## God's Best

"Declaration of Dependence"

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

### What does "Poor In Spirit" mean? I Humbly Depend On God

## How To Embrace Daily Dependence

### 1. Depend On God's Wisdom, Not Your Own

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

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.  
James 1:5 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."  
Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

Let Christ's word with all its wisdom and richness live in you.  
Colossians 3:16 (GW)

### 2. Depend on God's Timing, Not Your Own

I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands.  
Psalm 31:14-15 (NIV)

He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me. Micah 7:7 (NLT)

### 3. Depend on God's Defense, Not Your Own

The name of the LORD is a strong tower. A righteous person runs to it and is safe.  
Proverbs 18:10 (GW)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

But I stand silently before the Lord, waiting for him to rescue me. For salvation comes from him alone. Yes, he alone is my Rock, my rescuer, defense, and fortress—why then should I be tense with fear when troubles come?  
Psalm 62:5-6 (TLB)