

Humility's Root

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Psalms 86:1-17

It had been a very busy morning. One task completed was stopping at the ATM to make a bank deposit. Then, I found a place to park some distance from the busy fast food place where I planned to get some lunch. I waited and made my selections. As the clerk totaled up my purchase I reached for my wallet—it wasn't there. I had removed it to get my card for the ATM. I looked back and saw perhaps 20 people behind me in line. I explained my situation to the clerk. He looked as befuddled as me. "Here, let me get that for you," a young man next to me extended his card to the cashier. "I'll be happy to repay you," I explained. "Don't worry about it," he said. "Just pay it forward when you get the chance."

It is humbling to admit our poverty. Yet, it is the only way to become those Jesus called "the poor in spirit." If I had not acknowledged my lack I may not have known my new friend's generosity. In the same way, it is only when we humbly acknowledge our spiritual poverty that we can begin to experience the abundance of Christ's kingdom.

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