

GOD WANTS US TO BE HAPPY / BLESSED (MATTHEW 5:3-10)

- INTRO: HAPPY IS ALMOST A BAD WORD IN CHURCHES
 - SOME SAY “GOD DOES WANT US HAPPY, HE WANTS BE HOLY” (MY ? = WHY NOT BOTH)
 - OTHERS SAY “IT IS GOD’S JOB TO MAKE ME HAPPY ALL THE TIME. IF NOT, HE FAILED”
 - MY QUESTION: IS HE GOD, OR SPIRITUAL SANTA CLAUS? FATHER OR AN ATM?
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- REALITY FOUND IN BIBLE IS: “GOD WANTS US TO BE HAPPY” - WORD BLESSED = HAPPY
 - WE GET IN TROUBLE WHEN WE DEFINE HAPPINESS LIKE THE WORLD DOES
 - 1) NO PROBLEMS / PLENTY OF MONEY / EASY LIFE / EARLY RETIREMENT
 - 2) WE WANT GOD TO HELPS US IN OUR PLANS
 - THAT IS WHY SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT GOD FAILED! FAILED THEIR BOX
 - EVERY TIME WE TRY TO PUT GOD IN A BOX = FRUSTRATION (HOW HE SHOULD)
 - LET’S SEE HOW GOD DEFINES IT AND WHERE IS IT TRULY FOUND (MATTHEW 5:3-10)
1. **POOR IN SPIRIT** = AT THE END OF YOUR ROPE = HUMBLE THEY KNOW NEED GOD= KINGDOM HEAVEN
 - a. HAPPINESS IS FOUND IN HUMILITY
 - b. JAMES 4:6 - "God opposes the proud, but gives grace (BLESSES) to the humble."
 - c. JAMES 4:10 - Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.
 - i. HAPPINESS IS FOUND: WHEN WE SAY “I’M SORRY, YOU GO FIRST”, LISTEN OTHER PEOPLE’S POINT OF VIEW, DOESN’T THINK THEY ARE ALWAYS RIGHT....
 2. **MOURN** - NOW YOU **HAVE GOD WITH YOU / CHURCH WITH YOU** TOUGH DAYS
 - a. THOSE WHO ARE REAL WITH OUR PAINS DON’T NEED TO HIDE IT
 - i. HONEST TO GOD & PEOPLE
 - b. RESULT: FIND REAL COMFORT IN GOD & HIS CHURCH
 - c. **LONE RANGERS (I LOVE GOD DON’T NEED CHURCH IS A LIE - EKKLESIA = GATHERING / ASSEMBLY LET’S THANK GOD THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE**
 3. **MEEK NOT WEAK** (NO ENGLISH WORD) - **GENTLE & STRENGTH** (SECURE IDENTITY)
 - a. MESSAGE: “You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less.
 - b. MEEK = SECURE THEIR IDENTITY - DON’T NEED TO PROVE THEMSELVES TO ANYONE
 - c. YOU ARE NOT: WORLD SAYS, NOT WHAT YOU HAVE, NOT WHAT YOU DON’T HAVE
 - d. YOU ARE LOVED, YOU HAVE VALUE, WORTH, DIGNITY, IN CHRIST SON’S DAUGHTERS
 4. **THIRST & HUNGER RIGHTEOUSNESS** (MORE OF GOD)
 - a. HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD IN ME (RELATIONSHIP)
 - b. HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD THROUGH ME (CONDUIT OF HIS LOVE)
 - c. RESULT: GOD WILL HONOR OUR HUNGER
 5. **MERCIFUL** - (CARE FOR OTHERS) - PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES
 - a. RESULT: WHILE YOU CARE OTHERS, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF BEING CARED BY GOD
 6. **PURE IN HEART** - PURE MIND / PURE HEART / PURE ACTIONS - HONESTY
 - a. SAFEGUARDING OUR THOUGHTS
 - b. NOT FEEDING BAD ONES - NEGATIVE / PUTTING OURSELVES OR OTHERS DOWN
 7. **PEACEMAKERS** - MAKE PEACE INSTEAD OF DIVISION
 - a. THOSE FORGIVE & PROMOTE FORGIVENESS
 - b. RESULT: YOU ARE BEING A CHILD OF GOD / REPRESENTING HIM
 8. **YOUR COMMITMENT / BOLDNESS TO GOD PROVOKES PERSECUTION** (MADE FUN OF)
 - a. TRUTH IS SO CLOSE THAT MAKES PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE