

JESUS' ANSWER

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY? PART 2

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Matthew 5:1-10 (the "Beatitudes")

- "Blessed" = makarios (Gk.) = "happy, fortunate."

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them: He said:

*3 "Happy" are the **poor in Spirit**; for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

- The moment you put your trust in riches, instead of him who richly provides, you are unhappy.

*4 "Happy" are **those who mourn**; for they will be comforted.*

- God's comfort is not like our comfort. It is supernatural, it leads to joy.

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. Psalm 30:11-12

*5 "Happy" are **the meek**; for they will inherit the earth.*

- Meekness is strength under control.

*6 "Happy" are **those who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be filled."*

- Happy are those with no guilt, no regret, and a clear conscience.

*7 "Happy" are **the merciful**, for they will be shown mercy.*

...what is good, and what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

- God wants us to treat others with justice and mercy, but mercy has the added benefit of bringing happiness.

*8 "Happy" are **the pure in heart**, for they will see God.*

- Purity brings clarity, which brings happiness.

*9 "Happy" are **the peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God.*

- Are you a "thermometer" or a "thermostat"?

*10 "Happy" are **those who are persecuted because of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

- You will suffer in this life, for doing right or for doing wrong. But only one of those options will result in happiness.

Happiness is an _____

- It's not immediately accessible,
- it's a result, it's an end product.

You _____ & _____ your way to happiness

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock...

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Matthew 7:24, 26

What makes you happy?

- No thing
- Sowing.