



## Places Unhappy People Look for Happiness

- In their next purchase.
- In their next relationship.
- In their next paycheck.



"I wish I had torn the ticket up. I lost everything I held dear in my life. I don't like the hard heart I've got. I don't like what I've become. Money is not what makes people happy." - Andrew "Jack" Whittaker

## The Humility of (True) Happiness Matthew 5:1-4

Matthew 5:1-4 (HCSB)

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Genuine Humility comes through:

### I. A Proper Recognition of our True Condition.

Matthew 5:3 (GNB)

Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

Romans 7:18 (NIV)

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV)

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name [is] Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy [place], With him [who] has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

## **II. A Personal Response to our True Condition**

II Corinthians 7:7-11 (NIV)

Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. ... yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

Matthew 5:4 (AMP)

"Blessed [forgiven, refreshed by God's grace] are those who mourn [over their sins and repent], for they will be comforted [when the burden of sin is lifted].

The Two Men in the Temple – Luke 18

*One man was rich with pride, the other poor in spirit.*

*One man thought highly of himself, the other felt his shortcomings.*

*One man impressed with his own accomplishments, the other depressed by his sin.*

*One man boasted, the other man begged.*

*One man recommended himself to God, the other man pleaded for God's mercy.*

*One man was saved, the other lost.*

*The "good man" ended up lost, and the "bad man" ended up saved. – Ray Pritchard*