



Matthew 5:1-8 (NIV)

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

The Big Picture:

- The Good News of the True Kingdom
- Real Disciples Live Changed Lives
- The Incredible Power of Grace and Forgiveness

The Pathway to (True) Happiness

Psalm 144:15 (HCSB)

“Happy are the people whose God is the Lord.”

Nehemiah 9:17

“But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.”

The Christ-likeness of (True) Happiness Matthew 5

- Poor in Spirit – The Understanding of Jesus
- Those who mourn – The Sorrow of Jesus
- The Meek – The Submission of Jesus
- Hunger and Thirst – The Passions of Jesus
- The Merciful – The Compassion of Jesus

Three Great Reminders...

- The Inside is more Important than the Outside

1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV)

The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

- God always provides to us what He requires of us

1 John 1:7 (NIVUS)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, *purifies* us from all sin.

2 Peter 1:3 (HCSB)

"His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness..."

- Jesus Always tells the Truth

John 1:14 (NIV)

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. ...who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."



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