

HAPPINESS IS.....
Matt. 5:1-12

According to our culture, who are the happy people?

Jesus has a different view of what is needed to make you and me happy. He knows that none of the things we've discussed bring long lasting happiness to anyone. So here in these 12 verses, God tells us what will make us truly happy for the long haul.

- I. Happy are the _____
 - A. _____ of oneself
 - B. _____ of self-reliance
 - C. Conscious of absolute _____

- II. Happy are those who _____
 - A. To keenly feel the _____ of sin
 1. human _____ caused by the fall of man
 2. _____ of the mighty over the downtrodden
 3. _____ of the human condition
 4. the great _____ between what I could be and what I am
 - B. To experience the _____ of sorrow

III. Happy are the _____

A. Complete _____ of self to God's purposes for you

B. Meek desire only to be a _____ of God's blessing

1. to _____ those who want to be blessed

2. to _____ hate with love

3. to put down rebellion with _____

4. to _____ their own rights in favor of the rights of others

IV. Happy are those who hunger and thirst after _____

A. Can never be happy without the _____ —
Christ

B. Seeking the _____ of righteousness in their own hearts

V. Happy are the _____

A. The _____ of mercy are

1. deep with _____ glances

2. full of _____

3. the homes of _____

B. The _____ of mercy are

1. soft in their _____

2. quiet in their _____

- C. The _____ of mercy is
1. _____ to the fallen
 2. _____ to the weak
 3. _____ to the offender
- D. The _____ of mercy flows with balm to bind the wounds of sinners

VI. Happy are the _____

- A. aware of the _____ of sin, they avoid any appearance of it
- B. aware of the infinite _____ of his sin to God

VII. Happy are the _____

- A. see ultimate peace as ending of the _____ of humanity from God
- B. they participate with God in the ministry of _____

VIII. Happy are the _____ for righteousness' sake

Key: for _____ sake

IX. Rejoice!

- A. you have a secret _____
- B. you have a secret supply of _____
- C. you have a sweet _____ with the Lord

X. Connections

- A. Poor in spirit connects with _____
- B. Mourn connects with _____
- C. Meek connects with _____
- D. Hunger and thirst after righteousness connects with _____
- E. Merciful connects with _____
- F. Pure in heart connects with _____
- G. Peace makers connects with _____
- H. Persecuted connects with _____

XI. Some reflections

- A. Jesus does not _____ the law nor its purpose.
- B. Jesus lays the _____ for Kingdom living.
- C. Jesus always gives _____ advice for following His teachings.
- D. Persecution is _____ when we follow the commands of Jesus.
- E. Jesus connects _____ and _____.
- F. Kingdom living _____ cultural thinking.