

Cornerstones Of Faith

“Perspective”

Matthew 5:1-5

Many people seek Personal Happiness above all other pursuits.

The Bible does NOT Teach that the “Answer” to True Happiness is Within us...it Teaches us that the “PROBLEM” is Within us. (Jeremiah 17:9)

Today, we’ll see what God’s Word says about HOW we can be Happy, Fulfilled People.

1. **RECOGNIZE YOUR TRUE CONDITION.** (Matthew 5:1-5)
 - In these *First Three Beatitudes*, Jesus gives us a *Three-Step Prescription* to *Spiritual Health & Happiness*.
 - 1.) See Yourself As You REALLY ARE...
 - 2.) Take ACTION
 - 3.) Pursue MEEKNESS

2. **UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS MUST COME LAST.** (Philippians 2:5-8)
 - Jesus has given us the *Ultimate Example* of what it means to *Be Humble*.
 - HOW should that *Attitude of Christ Affect the Way You & I Treat Others?*
 - WE must *Intentionally PUT* the Needs of OTHERS before our OWN.

3. **SEEK HAPPINESS IN LOVING GOD & SERVING OTHERS.** (Matthew 22:37-40)
 - *Real Happiness* is NOT Found in fulfilling our *OWN Appetites & Desires* but in loving God & others.
 - Works done out of Selfishness will *NOT LAST* but Works done out of LOVE for God & Others *WILL*.
 - It’s in the GIVING that we RECEIVE Purpose in Life & Experience True Joy.

4. **SURRENDER YOUR DREAMS & DO GOD’S WILL.** (Matthew 16:24-25)
 - Jesus makes *Three Points* about what it *Means to Follow Him*.
 - 1.) We Must LOSE Our Life.
 - 2.) We Must DENY Ourselves.
 - 3.) We Must TAKE UP Our Cross
 - By DYING to ourselves we FIND God’s Perfect Plan & Purpose for our lives. (Gal. 2:20)

