

CRAZY HAPPY - Matthew 5:3-6
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God wants us to be HAPPY! Not because of what we DO, but because of who we ARE, in Jesus!

(Matthew 5:1-2 NLT) One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him,² and he began to teach them.

BLESSED: an internal joy found in the most unlikely places.

I. BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT:

(Matthew 5:3 NIV)³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

CRAZY HAPPY: When you realize you are Spiritually BANKRUPT.

The Promise: **ETERNITY**

4 things happen without Jesus:

1. **Without Jesus:** I fall short.

(Romans 3:23 NIV)²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2. **Without Jesus:** I pay an eternal price.

(Romans 6:23 NIV)²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. **Without Jesus:** I have no hope.

(Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

4. **Without Jesus:** I only have xx years on earth.

(1 Peter 1:3-4 NLT)³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

The BOTTOM LINE: The happiest people in the world are those that say, **“Jesus I need you!”**

II. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN:

(Matthew 5:4 NIV) Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

CRAZY HAPPY: When you go through BAD STUFF.

The Promise: **COMFORT**

(Psalm 34:18 NLT) The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

(Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT)⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

In your worst day, what do you do?

1. Remember God’s **POWER** *(2 Corinthians 1:8-9 NLT) We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. ⁹In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.* He is still in the resurrection business!

2. Remember God's **PURPOSE** (*2 Corinthians 1:10 NLT*) ¹⁰ *And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.* Focus-on what's happening IN you not TO you. Ask What? Not Why?
3. Remember God's **PEOPLE** (*2 Corinthians 1:11 NLT*) ¹¹ *Please help us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks for the blessings we receive in answer to all these prayers.* Don't go at it alone! ³*God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.* ⁴*He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.*
4. Remember God's **PROMISE** (*Rev 21:3-4 NIV*) *"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, (end of the story-no more mourning)*

The BOTTOM LINE: The happiest people in the world are those that know, "I've got this!" -**God**

III. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

(Matthew 5:5 NIV) Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

CRAZY HAPPY: When your STRENGTH is under control.

The Promise: **INHERITANCE**

The opposite of MEEKNESS:

{James 4:1 NLT} What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Isn't it the whole army of evil desires at war within you?

Three Inward Desires that Cause Outward Conflict?

1. The desire to **HAVE** something.

{James 4:2 NLT} 2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it.

2. The desire to **TAKE** something.

{James 4:2 NLT} 2 You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them....

3. The desire to **FEEL** something.

{James 4:3 NLT} 3 ...you want only what will give you pleasure.

(James 4:6-7 NLT) ⁶ But he gives us even more grace to stand against such evil desires. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but favors the humble." ⁷ So humble yourselves before God.

The BOTTOM LINE: The happiest people in the world are those that remain "**HUMBLE.**"

IV. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Matthew 5:6 NIV) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

CRAZY HAPPY: When you CRAVE the right stuff.

The Promise: **SATISFACTION**

(Eccl. 1:18 NLT) ⁸ Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.

(Eccl. 2:10-11 NLT) ¹⁰ Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.¹¹ But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

(Ecc 5:10-11 NLT) ¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

(Ecc. 12:13-14 MSG) The last and final word is this: Fear God. Do what he tells you.

The BOTTOM LINE: The happiest people in the world are those that **“Live Right.”**

(Romans 3:25 NLT) ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past.

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