

Our Come On Get Happy campaign is a spiritual growth campaign that shows people how to find real happiness in a fake world by living the qualities described by Jesus in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-16).

This campaign is for every person in our church and community, and it uses the power of alignment at three levels to help us put these happiness qualities into practice:

- <u>Individual Level</u> we are providing a "Happy Guide" for each person which includes a Happy Memory Verse, Happy Thought, Happy Daily Readings, Happy Reflective Questions, Happy Activity and a Happy Prayer.
- <u>Group Level</u> we are studying the Beatitudes together in our small groups.
- <u>Congregational Level</u> we are having a series of nine sermons on the Beatitudes.

Imagine the impact in our lives if we all found real happiness in a fake world through this campaign.

# CONCLUSION: Are You Happy?

"...happy is that people, whose God is the LORD."

Psalm 144:15b

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Isn't everyone searching for true happiness? We all know life is hard and these are difficult times. People are searching and wanting to know how they can find real happiness in a fake world. Does this sound like you? Are you unfulfilled and unhappy?

"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."

John 16:22

- **B.** Join me in this nine week series as we learn how to find real happiness in a fake world.
  - Oct 3 Happiness Is...
  - TODAY Happy Are The Nobodies Conquering Your Pride
  - Oct 17 Happy Are The Sad Healing Your Broken Heart
  - Oct 24 Happy Are The Meek Controlling Your Reactions
  - Oct 31 Happy Are The Hungry Satisfying Your Emptiness
  - Nov 7 Happy Are The Merciful Giving Your Heart
  - Nov 14 Happy Are The Holy Maintaining Your Purity
  - Nov 21 Happy Are The Peacemakers Resolving Your Conflict
  - Nov 28 Happy Are The Harassed Handling Your Persecution
- C. TEXT: Matthew 5:3 (Pew Bible Page 4/New Testament)
  - The fake way to happiness is having the right \_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is based on "when and then thinking".

• The real way to happiness is having the right \_

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

#### HOW TO CONQUER YOUR PRIDE

I.

### THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF POOR IN SPIRIT (5:3a)

A. It does not mean to be

"17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

I Timothy 6:17-19

**B.** It means to be \_\_\_\_\_.

"2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. " Ephesians 2:8-9

"9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a *Pharisee, and the other a publican.* 

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14

"16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:16-17 II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF POOR IN SPIRIT (5:3b)

"18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly,...

Proverbs 16:18-19a

A. It leads to .

"3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3-4

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be Romans 10:13 saved."

### **B.** It reduces

"4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered;..." John 15:4-6a

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

**C.** It improves .

"Only by pride cometh contention:..."

Proverbs 13:10a

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Ephesians 5:21

**D.** It releases \_\_\_\_\_.

"6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:6-7