



THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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You Will _____

1. Agree _____ (v. 3)

2. Weep _____ (v. 4)

3. Take _____ (v. 5)

4. Crave _____ (v. 6)

5. Pity _____ (v. 7)

6. Seek _____ (v. 8)

7. Make _____ (v. 9)

8. Pursue _____ (vv. 10-12)

Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)
5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Which of the beatitudes, when unpacked into eight points, revealed an area where you need to grow? Explain the growth that has to happen and how it will be achieved.
2. **Read Psalm 42:1.** Does this passage reflect how you describe your relationship with God? Explain why or why not.
3. The term used repeatedly in this passage is “blessed,” but it can also mean “happy.” Have you been “looking for happiness in all the wrong places?” Explain.
4. **Read Proverbs 19:11, Romans 12:19, and 1 Corinthians 6:7.** What do you need to believe about God to live according to these truths?
5. **Read Romans 12:2.** Do you think there are areas in your life that are “conformed to this world?” Regarding these specific areas, how will you need to “renew your mind” to focus more on the kingdom of God?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn. *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*. Eerdmans, 1971.
Taylor, Fredrick Howard. *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*. Moody Publishers, 2009.
Swindoll, Charles R. *Improving Your Serve*. Thomas Nelson, 2004.
Piper, John. *Desiring God*. Multnomah, 2011.
Jones. Robert D. *Pursuing Peace: A Christian Guide to Handling Our Conflicts*. Crossway, 2012.
Sande, Ken. *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*
Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. NavPress, 2014.
Keller, Timothy. *The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness*. 10Publishing, 2012.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for revival! That God will save many in this valley for His glory!
Pray that our church would hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Pray that our church will be filled with mature believers who are united.
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life!
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
5/1	2 Samuel 14-16	John 20
5/2	2 Samuel 17-18	John 21
5/3	2 Samuel 19-20	Acts 1
5/4	2 Samuel 21-22	Acts 2
5/5	2 Samuel 23-24	Acts 3
5/6	1 Kings 1-2	Acts 4