

Morning Lesson

THE WAY TO TRUE HAPPINESS

Matt. 5:1-12

INTRO:

1. How does happiness come to us?
2. Jesus presents the path to happiness that will stay with us even in discouraging times.

I. RECOGNIZE OUR INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES.

Matt. 5:3

II. REALIZE THAT OUR SINS BREAK GOD'S HEART.

Matt. 5:4

III. TOTALLY SUBMIT TO GOD. **Matt. 5:5**

IV. EAGERLY DESIRE SPIRITUAL FOOD. **Matt. 5:6**

V. REMEMBER TO BE MERCIFUL. **Matt. 5:7**

VI. REMAIN PURE IN HEART. **Matt. 5:8**

A. This encourages us to have inward purity.

B. To see him in the simple things of life will make our journey more rewarding.

C. We can see his handiwork all around us and see his providence in our lives. **Rom. 1:20; Rom. 8:28**

VII. RESOLVE TO BE A PEACEMAKER. **Matt. 5:9**

A. Peace comes from facing conflict and resolving it.

B. The child of God is to pursue things that make for peace. **Rom. 14:19; Rom. 12:18**

C. Paul encouraged the church in Ephesus to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Eph. 4:3**

D. Peace is an element of fruit of the Spirit. **Gal. 5:22**

E. There is no peace for the wicked, but a Christian can have the peace that passes understanding when we take our cares to God. **Isa. 48:22; Phil. 4:6, 7**

VIII. REJOICE WHEN PERSECUTIONS COME. **Matt. 5:10**

A. The promise is made to the persecuted righteous.

B. Even if they kill us for our dedication to God and his word, then we are still blessed. **Matt. 5:11, 12**

CONC:

1. As we strive to develop and maintain these attitudes and actions in our daily lives, we will truly be blessed and find happiness by resting securely in the love of God.