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New Message Series: “What Matters Most”

Today’s Talk: Straight Talk About Happiness, Pt. 2

1 Corinthians 14:8

2 Corinthians 4:18

1. Straight Talk About Your Happiness

Matthew 5:6

1) The Fullness of Hunger.

True Christ Followers — desire to obey God’s commands and when we do—God satisfies our desire to become more like Jesus.

⇒ When our spiritual stomachs hunger again and our spiritual throats thirst again—this obedience cycle continues: and “they shall be satisfied.”

Philippians 4:8

To Be Satisfied: with a clear conscience, with deeper love for God and others, with freedom from fear, from shame, from regret.

2) The Mystery of Mercy.

Matthew 5:7

Genesis 50:19-21

⇒ “Mercy is the perfect antidote to the poison of bitterness.”

⇒ **Mercy** — Also reaches out to those hurting and in need

James 1:27, 2:15, 16

The Result: We get what we give; since we have received God’s mercy we must be willing to give back mercy: and it will return back in our time of need.

3) The Vision of Purity.

Matthew 5:8

Psalms 24:3,4

◆ “As we mature as TRUE Christ followers — we see more and more of our sinful natures—BUT—at the same time we see more and more of Jesus” ~ Miller.

⇒ God loves you where you are, not where you are pretending to be.”

Matthew 23: 27,28

4) The Paternity Test of Peace.

Matthew 5:9

Hebrews 12:14

Ephesians 4:3

⇒ **As Peacemakers:** we have peace within and so become instruments of peace to others.

5) The Joy of Persecution.

John 15:18,19

Matthew 5:10-12

2. The Dare to Be Different

⇒ If you want God to smile on you—if you want His applause—then Dare to Be Different.

The Dare: Each day for 1 month — Practice 1 of these attitudes—and watch how Jesus changes you and blesses you!

Next Week: Straight Talk About Your Faith