

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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Message – Happy, Happy, Happy!

Christians are happy! People coming to visit our church remark at how happy everyone is...some other things that bring “happy” to mind...

Happy Meal – made famous by McDonald's

Berry Crocker – “Bake someone Happy!”

Disneyland – The Happiest Place on Earth

Blessed – fortunate or Happy

Matthew 5 1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

To be poor in spirit means that no matter how rich or poor you are, you are dependent on God “they lived every day as if they are dependent on God.” The moment you transfer your trust to (money, education, skills or talent), you become unhappy. When you transfer trust from God to you, you become responsible for the outcome.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

People who understand the fact that death is a natural part of life, embrace death, they don't try not to think about it.

Fear of death will rob you of the joy in life.

Happy people are prepared for death and don't spend a lot of time worrying about it.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Meekness = a proper evaluation of yourself within the context of God's plan for you.”

Meek people know they are part of the world NOT the center of it, NOT striving to be more than God has made you to be.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

People who are committed to doing the right thing even when it costs them, they have no guilt and a clear conscience.

We either hunger and thirst for the right things or sin. Sin separates.

Your greatest regret was never for doing the right thing, but doing the wrong thing.

Nobody wishes if they could go back to high school, they would have gotten in more trouble.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Happy people are relationally generous. You give people exactly what they DON'T deserve. They are not consumed by paying people back for things they have don't to you.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Being able to see things before they happen, when making decisions.

Purity leads to clarity ... We have decisions that we think we are missing out, pure in heart people like and SEE what God see's.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

God wants to make peace with you, so when you make peace with other people, you are like God.

DO you know any troublemakers? They target happy people.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

These don't seem to go together, Happy and Persecuted...You are going to suffer