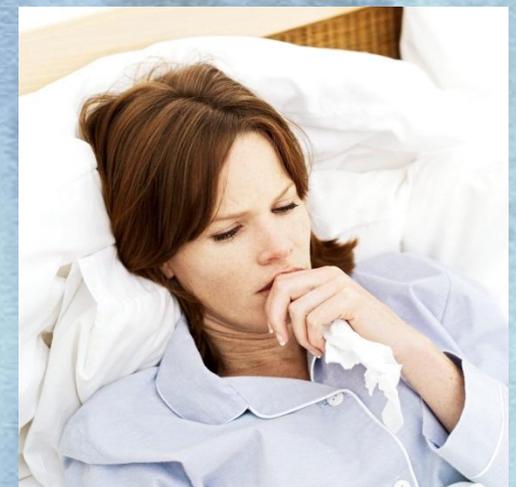


# What is your mental picture of the happy life?





**“I WOULD BE HAPPIER  
IF ...**

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**Matthew 5:1-2**

Blessed are ...

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Greek = Makarios

= Divine joy and supreme  
perfect happiness





# THE BEATITUDES:

**UNEXPECTED PLACES  
WHERE WE CAN FIND  
HAPPINESS**



## The 8 Beatitudes are one unit

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Matt. 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

# The 8 Beatitudes are one unit

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- Who will be citizens in the “kingdom of heaven”?
- What benefits do they receive?



Happiness is found where

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there is riches and fame



# 1) Happiness is found where there is ... Spiritual Poverty

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**Matt. 5:3**      **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Gifts of God come ONLY to the degree we recognize we can't achieve them on our own.



# 1) Happiness is found where there is ... Spiritual Poverty

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Mark 2:16-17



He didn't get there on his own!

# 1) Happiness is found where there is ... Spiritual Poverty

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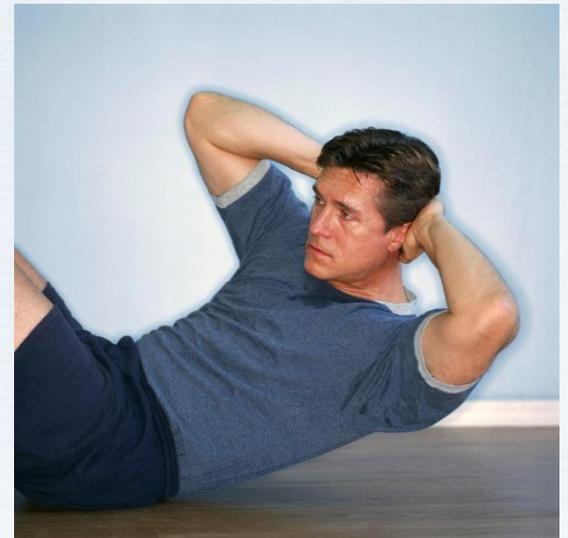
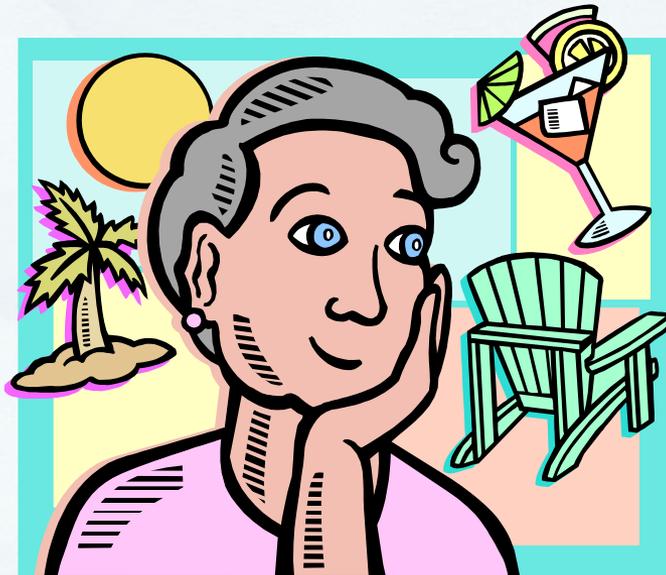


## Paraphrased

Blessed are those who humbly recognize their need for God, for they will enter his kingdom.

Happiness is found where

All your dreams come true



## 2) Happiness is found where there is ... Sadness

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**Matt. 5:4** Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Those who express deep sorrow and repent for their sins



## 2) Happiness is found where there is ... Sadness

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2 Corinthians 7:10

1 Corinthians 11:31

Those who  
express deep  
sorrow and repent  
for their sins



## 2) Happiness is found where there is ... Sadness

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who mourn for their sins, for they shall receive forgiveness and eternal life.

Happiness is found where

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There is pride, confidence  
and self-sufficiency



### 3) Happiness is found where there is ... Humility

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

**Meekness is power under complete control**



### 3) Happiness is found where there is ... Humility

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#### Numbers 12:1-4



Drawing by  
Matthew  
Clark

Meekness means committing our cause to God and not needing to defend ourselves

### 3) Happiness is found where there is ... Humility

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#### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who humbly submit to God as Lord, for they will be heirs to everything God possesses.

Happiness is found where

When people are full and  
satisfied



## 4) Happiness is found where there is ... Hunger

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Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

If you strive to be self-satisfied, you're never going to be happy



## 4) Happiness is found where there is ... Hunger



Isaiah 55:2-3

If you strive to be self-satisfied, you're never going to be happy





Beatitudes = 2 groups of 4

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Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness ...

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are  
those who are persecuted for  
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## 4) Happiness is found where there is ... Hunger

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who passionately long for Jesus Christ as their Lord, for He will satisfy their desires.



Beatitudes = 2 groups of 4

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↓ **Description of emptiness** ↓

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness ...

↓ **Description of fullness** ↓

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are  
those who are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake...

# Happiness is found

When we are free to think,  
believe and do what we want



## 5) Happiness is found where there is ... Forgiveness

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Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

The key to becoming a merciful person is to become a broken person



## 5) Happiness is found where there is ... Forgiveness

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Matt. 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.



## 5) Happiness is found where there is ... Forgiveness

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who show their affection toward God by extending mercy toward others, for they shall receive forgiveness and life eternal.

# Happiness is found

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When our physical senses  
are fully satisfied



## 6) Happiness is found where there is ... Purity of Heart

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Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

If a person thinks evil, they will ultimately act it out

Matt. 23:25-26



## 6) Happiness is found where there is ... Purity of Heart

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who have been purified from the inside out, for they will see God.

# Happiness is found

## When we have peace in our lives



## 7) Happiness is found where there is ... Conflict

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Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Reconciliation often requires experiencing initial confrontation



## 7) Happiness is found where there is ... Conflict

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those who extend reconciliation to others just as they received it from God. They will be called his sons.

# The boundaries of being a peacemaker

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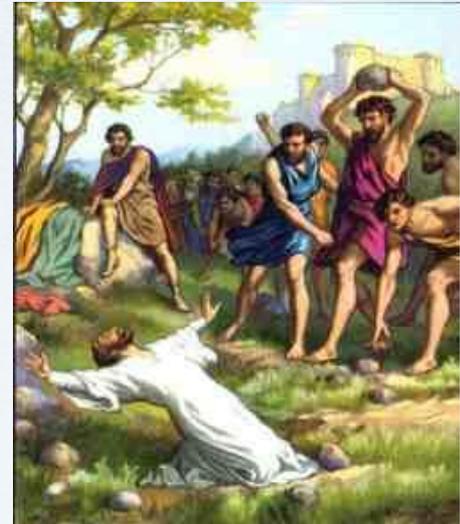


Romans 12:17-18

## 8) Happiness is found where there is ... Mistreatment

Matt. 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Righteousness  
must not be  
compromised



# 8) Happiness is found where there is ... Mistreatment

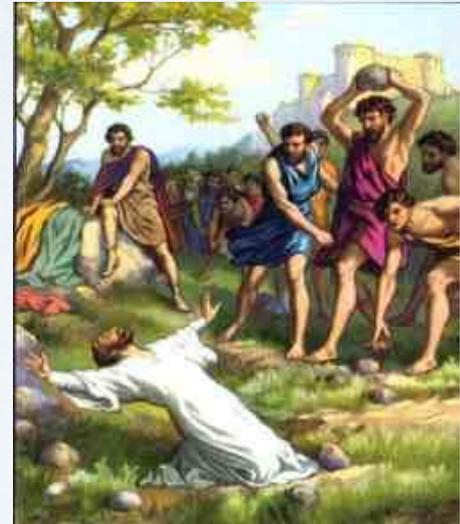
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2 Timothy 3:12

ALL will suffer persecution

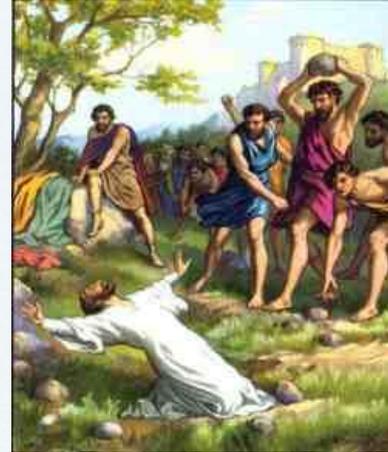
Matthew 10:34-36

Righteousness  
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## 8) Happiness is found where there is ... Mistreatment

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### Paraphrased

Blessed are those daring enough to openly live and suffer persecution for righteousness, for they will receive the kingdom of heaven.



# **THE BEATITUDES:**

**UNEXPECTED PLACES  
WHERE WE CAN FIND  
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# THE BEATITUDES: HAPPINESS CAN BE FOUND IN STRANGE PLACES

- Admit that we are poor in spirit
- Mourn over our sins
- Realize we have every reason to remain humble
- Want more of God in our lives
- Want to be merciful
- Ask God to cleanse and purify our hearts
- Offer ourselves to God as instruments of peace
- Ask God for the courage to stand for the things He stands for