DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED?

LIVING LIKE A KING'S KID (Part 2) Matthew 5:1-12 Jeff Schreve

And opening His mouth, He began to teach them saying, "Blessed are ..." Matthew 5:2-3a

Blessed (*makarios*) – to be happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of one's outward conditions. Amplified Bible

Do you want to live in the true happiness of the King?

1. Happiness comes when you hunger/thirst for righteousness.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. for they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:6

A. Everyone hungers and thirsts. As a result, there was a great famine in the city. The siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver, and a cup of dove's dung sold for five pieces of silver. 2 Kings 6:25

B. Unbelievers hunger and thirst for their own way. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. Isaiah 53:6

C. True believers hunger and thirst to be right with God. "Surely I will not enter my house, nor lie on my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids; until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." Psalm 132:3-5

For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, And the hungry soul He has filled with what is good. Psalm 107:9

2. Happiness comes when you are merciful. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Matthew 5:7

A. The word mercy means kindness toward the wretched.

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 NKJV

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:38

B. The fruit of mercy is <u>forgiveness</u>. *Then summoning him, his lord said to him, "You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?" Matthew 18:32-33*

3. Happiness comes when you are <u>pure in heart</u>.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

A. The pure in heart have been <u>washed clean</u>.

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD: "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18

B. The pure in heart are <u>dealing with sin in their lives</u>. Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24

Will you search your heart and get things right with the King?