

DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED?

LIVING LIKE A KING'S KID (Part 3)

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

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

1. True happiness comes to those who are peacemakers.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Matthew 5:9*

A. Peacemakers are not peacekeepers.

1. Peacemakers don't shy away from conflict.

*"These men who have upset the world have come here also."
Acts 17:6*

2. Peacemakers don't sacrifice truth for peace.

3. Peacekeepers know there is no peace without a sword.

*"Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not
come to bring peace, but a sword." Matthew 10:34*

B. Peacemakers are true followers of Jesus.

Counselors of peace have joy. Proverbs 12:20

2. True happiness comes to those who are persecuted.

*Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10*

A. *Persecuted* means to harass, trouble, pursue with hostility.

B. The persecution must come from righteousness.

*And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3:12*

3. True happiness comes to YOU when you suffer for Jesus.

*Blessed are **you** when men cast insults at **you**, and persecute you, and say
all kinds of evil against **you** falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice and be
glad, for **your** reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the
prophets who were before **you**. Matthew 5:11-12*

A. Suffering is never easy.

B. Suffering for Jesus brings great reward.

*Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing
our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the
joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has
sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*

The time is now to rise and shine for Jesus Christ.