

Morning Lesson

THE WAY TO TRUE HAPPINESS

Matt. 5:1-12

INTRO:

1. How does happiness come to us?
2. Jesus presents the path to happiness that will stay with us even in discouraging times.

I. RECOGNIZE OUR INSUFFICIENT RESOURCES.

Matt. 5:3

II. REALIZE THAT OUR SINS BREAK GOD'S HEART.

Matt. 5:4

III. TOTALLY SUBMIT TO GOD. **Matt. 5:5**

IV. EAGERLY DESIRE SPIRITUAL FOOD. **Matt. 5:6**

- A. It more important to feed the spiritual man than the physical. **Matt. 4:4**
- B. We must have our priorities in God's order. **Isa. 55:2**
John 4:32-34
- C. Righteousness is a necessity of life. **2 Cor. 5:21**
- D. It comes from keeping God's commands. **Psalms 119:172;**
John 14:15; 1 John 5:3...

V. REMEMBER TO BE MERCIFUL. **Matt. 5:7**

- A. The Romans despised mercy.
- B. The Jewish leaders were unmerciful.
- C. The word means to feel sympathy with another person and to demonstrate it by actions.
- D. Mercy will be extended to those who offer it to others.
Matt. 6:15; James 2:13
- E. Without God's mercy, we are hopeless. **Rom. 6:23**

VI. REMAIN PURE IN HEART. **Matt. 5:8**

- A. This encourages us to have inward purity.
- B. Our ultimate joy will be to see God in eternity, but to see him in the simple things of life will make our journey more rewarding.
- C. We can see his handiwork all around us and see his providence in our lives. **Rom. 1:20; Rom. 8:28**