

The Beatitudes – The Road To Happiness #4

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“I’m Happy When I’m Satisfied”

Matthew 5:6 (NIV) Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

- You don't find lasting satisfaction in _____

Ecclesiastes 1:8 (NLT) Everything is so weary and tiresome! No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.

- You don't find lasting satisfaction in _____

Ecclesiastes 2:21-23 (NLT) ²¹ For though I do my work with wisdom, knowledge, and skill, I must leave everything I gain to people who haven't worked to earn it. This is not only foolish but highly unfair. ²² So what do people get for all their hard work? ²³ Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief; even at night they cannot rest. It is all utterly meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 4:8 (GN) Man is always working, never satisfied.

- You don't find lasting satisfaction in _____

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NLT) Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness!

Psalms 63:1 (NIV) O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

- To hunger and thirst for righteousness means: _____

1. I need to _____

Psalms 37:4 (GN) Seek your happiness in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desire.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 (NLT) ² Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would really obey his commands. ³ Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna... He did it to teach you that people need more than bread for their life; real life comes by feeding on every word of the LORD.

2. I need to _____

Isaiah 55:2 (NIV) Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

- Righteousness is _____

3. I need to _____

John 6:35, 51 (NIV) ³⁵ I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

John 4:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

3 stages to knowing satisfaction in life:

- I _____ Christ in my life

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Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

August memory verse: Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!