

HOW TO LIVE THE BLESSED LIFE (3)

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MATTHEW 5:1-11

- In this passage of scripture, Jesus is describing one person, that has these character traits.
- Jesus is essentially saying that a person is happy, if they have these traits.
- This is Jesus, teaching us how to be, “happy”.
- It would be safe to replace the word **blessed** with the word **happy**.
- *Recap from sermon (2):*
- *Mourning like Jesus describes, will teach us to **hate sin** and not simply dislike it's consequences.*
- *Remember to love the sinner, while you hate the sin. Don't hate the sinner.*
- *If we don't learn to hate the sin, we become tolerant of it and before long, we would have allowed sin to contaminate us, like a deadly poison that will lead to our death.*

PROVERBS 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to **hate evil**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE COMFORTED?

- Are we only comforted when we get our way, or when we see God's will fulfilled in circumstances and in people's lives?
- This week we're going to look at: **MATTHEW 5:5** Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall **inherit** the earth

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MEEK?

- The word meek means to be mild and by implication in this verse it means to be **humble**.
- How can people who are humble and gentle, inherit the earth? Surely to rule the earth will require great military strength and will require that we take from others by force?
- This however, is not the way the Kingdom of God works. His Kingdom requires that we be **humble to be exalted**.
- The greatest warrior and most dangerous man that has ever lived, king David was mighty because he was humble and gentle. God anointed David's hands to kill people:

PSALM 18:34-35(b) He teaches my hands to make war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze, **your gentleness has made me great.**

- True Godly humility will cause us to want to serve others:

JOSHUA 1:3 Every place that the **sole of your foot** will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

- The most lowly humble servants had no shoes, therefore, the soles of their feet would touch the ground when they walked around.
- Those who had this humility, God gave to them the territory they walked in to.

JAMES 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- Don't ever ask God to humble you. His word says "humble yourself"

1 PETER 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you **be submissive to one another**, and be **clothed with humility**, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

- Godly humility requires that we're humble, even when we're right or correct in an argument or dispute.
- The most effective way to humble yourself, is to look at Jesus:

HEBREWS 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO INHERIT THE EARTH?

- Ultimately, God wants His people restored to the place of authority we had with Him, before the fall of mankind.
- God gave us dominion over the works of His hands, but this was surrendered to Satan when Adam disobeyed God with the forbidden fruit. (see Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 3)
- Having Godly humility and showing this through true Christian service, will allow us to take back what Satan has stolen from us. We get true spiritual authority, through humble service:

1 JOHN 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one

- Dakes study Bible, puts it like this: "*The whole world is embraced in the arms of the devil and is more or less asleep in death in trespasses and sins*"
- This is why bad things still happen in this world, even while God almighty, our loving heavenly Father is in control. His plan, is that we His people, exercise Godly authority over the devil.
- In other words, Christians need to show this meekness, this humility, to reclaim authority from the devil.
- We need to show this meekness, to be happy

HOME CELL DISCUSSION

1. If it's true that meekness is viewed as weakness, in the world, discuss why you think this is so.
2. How can humility, cause those who are humble, to inherit the earth, or gain control/authority over it?
3. How is this authority similar, to the way Jesus has authority over the world?
4. How does humility, give us authority over the devil?
5. How can humility lead to the Kingdom of God being established on earth?