

The Truth about Happiness

Text: Matthew Chapter 5:3-12 MSG Luke 24:50-52

Two Myths about Happiness

#1 Culture Says Happiness Is D_____.

I have a right to be happy, in our culture has become the politically correct way of saying, "I want to be selfish."
I believe the view that personal happiness is the highest goal of life is a myth.

#2 Culture Says Happiness Is D_____.

In fact happiness is related to the word, "happenings." And culture says if you are going to be happy it depends upon the right kind of "happenings" that are happening in your life. Specifically in three areas:

One culture says, the presence of the "right things."

Two culture says, it depends upon the cooperation of the right people.

Three culture says, it depends upon the arrangement of the right circumstances.

The Constitution can guarantee you the right to pursue happiness. But it cannot guarantee you will find it!

Did you know that Jesus talked about happiness more than He did about Heaven?

Jesus said, happiness is the byproduct of a higher p_____t.

Jesus said: you get happy by pursuing God's agenda. You pursue the Kingdom first, and a pleasant by-product of that is happiness. Ref: Matthew 5:3-12

Happiness really does come to people who wholeheartedly pursue the agenda of the Kingdom of God.

Three things Jesus says happy people have to do. If they want to have what he can give.

#1 Happy People Pursue Community. Ref: John 15:10-12

To live your life in community, you've got to love other people.

#2 Happy People Practice Generosity. Ref: Acts 20:35

Happiness doesn't come from saving, but from sharing. Not from hoarding, but from h_____.

#3 Happy People Ponder Eternity.

To live for the moment, might bring a very, very, brief happiness, but long term for life it doesn't work.

The Truth about happiness is this you don't get happiness by pursuing it but by pursuing C_____.