

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

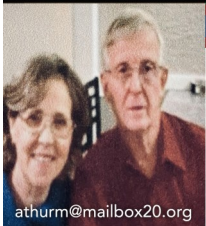
A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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PRAISE - The national pastors are ministering as they are able and the kingdom of God is increasing and moving forward. One OTAN supported Pastor has started building a new “Home of Hope” for rescued children on the street and children who do not have a chance to attend school.

PRAY - That overseas travel restrictions would be lifted soon so Arthur can return to Laos. Also, please pray for protection for Lao families as many men have been arrested for their faith.

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Truly Happy
CAPITAL BAPTIST CHURCH
GROWTH GUIDE

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Study: 10/10/21

Let’s Get Truly Happy

William Barclay said, “Human happiness is something that is dependent on the chances and changes of life, something which life may give and which life may also destroy. The Christian blessedness is completely untouchable and unassailable.”

Jesus said this happiness is the joy that no one can take from you (John 16:22). It’s an inner peace, an inner bliss, an inner happiness. Such inner joy is not produced by circumstance. Let’s take it a step further, Blessed is a word that indicates character, touching man at the very base of his existence. I say this because the Word is used to describe God. Many times in the Bible, we find the statement, “Blessed be God.” (See Psalm 68:35; 72:18; 119:12; 1 Timothy 1:11.) Whatever this state is, it is true of God. Thus, it stands to reason that the only people who will ever experience it fully are those who partake of God and of Christ. There can be no Biblical blessedness or happiness apart from that. On the basis of that overview of those contexts, there are at least five reasons that it is important to study the Sermon on the Mount:

1. It shows the necessity of the new birth. We can never please God on our own, in our flesh. The only people who will know blessedness are the people who are partakers of the divine nature of God. The Sermon on the Mount strengthens the Law of Moses in showing us the need for salvation. In the Law of Moses you hear about not doing this and not doing that—the emphasis is dealing with actions. The Sermon on the Mount gets down more directly to attitudes. It says you cannot live one day in a blest condition apart from the new birth in Jesus Christ. It shows the desperate situation man is in without God.
2. It clearly points to Jesus Christ and is perhaps the single greatest insight into His mind. Do you want to know how He thinks? Study His sermon. Do you want to know where His heart really beats? Study His sermon. Do you want to know what He really feels about living and about life? Study His sermon.
3. It describes the only way to happiness for Christians. If you want to be happy, if you want to be filled with the Spirit, don’t go seeking some mystical experience. Don’t chase some elusive dream. Don’t pop from one meeting to another trying to catch it in the air. Just master the Sermon and put it into practice.
4. It’s the best means of evangelism I know. Surprised? If we ever really live out the Sermon on the Mount, we’ll knock the world over for Christ.
5. Obeying the Sermon pleases God. That’s a privilege. That sinful people, like you and me, could please God. What an incredible thought!

Source: The Beatitudes: The Only Way To Happiness by John MacArthur

KEY VERSE

Psalm 144:15b (NKJV)

“.....Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 5:1-12, 11:6, 13:16

Introduction

1. What makes you happy? What does the world tell you should make you happy?
2. Based on today’s reading, how does real happiness differ from what the world tells us about happiness?

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 2:1-3; James 4:13-14; Titus 3:3

Fake Happiness—Worldly Pleasures

3. What worldly pleasures did Solomon experience? Why did they not lead to real happiness?
4. What worldly pleasures tempt you to accept fake happiness?

Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 2:4-8; Luke 12:13-23

Fake Happiness—Obtaining Possessions

5. What did Solomon acquire in his life? Why did they not lead to real happiness?
6. What things have you acquired that keep you from true happiness?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 2:9-10; 12:13-14; Hebrews 11:24-25

Fake Happiness—Achieving Prosperity

7. How does Solomon describe the prosperity that he experienced in his life?
8. Why did all his prosperity not lead to real happiness?
9. What prosperity have you experienced in your life that did not lead to happiness?

Friday: Matthew 5:1-12; John 13:17; I Timothy 1:11

The True Way To Happiness—Having The Right Characteristics

10. According to Matthew 5:1-12, how many times did Jesus use the word “Blessed” or “Happy”?
11. What attitudes do we need to have in order to be truly happy? List them from Matthew 5:1-12.
12. How do these attitudes compare to your attitudes about happiness?