



God's Plan for Happiness
Message 1: The Spiritually Bankrupt

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Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Key Truth: God is concerned about my happiness!

Happiness is NOT the result of _____ or _____

Possessions can be stolen.

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

People can let you down.

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Happiness begins when we remove our _____

Pride comes from not taking an honest look at ourselves.

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Isaiah 64:6

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Pride is removed when we see who we are and what we can become.

Happiness is fulfilled when we realize our _____

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.