
Series: Eight Keys to Happiness

The Secret of Satisfaction

Matthew 5:3-12 (NIV)

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

⁴*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

⁵*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

⁶***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.***

⁷*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

⁸*Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

⁹*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.*

¹⁰*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

¹¹*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely
say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad,
because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

1. SATISFACTION COMES WHEN WE DESIRE THE RIGHT THINGS.

v. 6a ***"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness..."***

Psalm 42:1, 2 (NIV)

***As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants
for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?***

Psalm 119:40 (NIV)

***How I long for your precepts! Preserve my life in your
righteousness.***

Common ambition causes us to:

- Gratify our own lusts.
- Accomplish our own goals.
- Satisfy our own egos.

Holy ambition causes us to:

- Hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- Desire the will of God.
- Build His Kingdom.

2. SATISFACTION COMES WHEN WE DISCOVER THE SOURCE.

Psalm 63:1, 5 (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...My soul will be satisfied as
with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will
praise you.***

John 6:35 (NKJV)

***And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who
comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me
shall never thirst.***

- The pursuit of happiness on the world's terms is a dry hole.
- The pursuit of happiness on God's terms is an eternal spring.

3. SATISFACTION COMES WHEN WE DELIGHT IN WHAT WE ARE GIVEN.

v. 6b ***"...for they will be filled."***

Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)

***When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and
my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God
Almighty.***

- God does not give us everything we ask for.
- God does however give us everything we need.
- God does not stop at what we need, but fills us full with His provision.

Philippians 4:12, 13 (NIV)

***I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to
have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any
and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether
living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him
who gives me strength.***

**Genuine happiness comes when we desire the things of
God more than the things of the world.**