



A DIFFERENCE



The Beatitude Life

- THE POOR IN SPIRIT** Embracing our need for God.
- THE MOURNERS** Experiencing God's comfort in our pain.
- THE MEEK** Choosing humble submissiveness over ambition and authority.
- THE HUNGRY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** Longing for God to make all things new.
- THE MERCIFUL** Extending God's incredible compassion and mercy.
- THE PURE IN HEART** Making our hearts fully God's, in all we think, say and do.
- THE PEACEMAKERS** Bringing healing, togetherness, and fullness to our world.
- THE PERSECUTED** Following Jesus no matter what the cost.



WHAT IS A
BEATITUDE?

MATTHEW 5:1-12



Meaning of Beatitude

- Beatitude means blessedness, not happiness in the modern sense of the word.
- Happy in the modern sense means:
 - Something subjective, a state of consciousness, a feeling. If you feel happy, you are happy
 - It connotes a temporary state
 - And something dependent on fortune (hap is the Old English word for "fortune" or "chance")

False:

WHEN THINGS CHANGE
I WILL BE HAPPY.

True:

WHEN I AM HAPPY
THINGS WILL CHANGE.

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

- Happiness is a mental or emotional state of well-being defined by positive or pleasant emotions ranging from contentment to intense joy.
- Philosophers and religious thinkers often define happiness in terms of living a good life, or flourishing, rather than simply as an emotion.
- Various research groups, including positive psychology, are exploring the scientific method to research questions about what "happiness" is, and how it might be attained.

The Smiley Face
(Symbol Of Happiness)

A DESCRIPTION OF HAPPINESS

KING SOLOMON HAD IT ALL – WHAT WAS HIS CONCLUSION?

A DEMONSTRATION

THE LEGALISTS – HELD TO TRADITIONS

THE PROGRESSIVE LIBERALS – ACCEPT CHANGE AS LONG AS ITS NOT RELIGIOUS

THE ISOLATIONISTS – REMOVE YOURSELF FROM ANYTHING THAT WOULD CONTAMINATE YOU

THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVISTS – TAKE UP ARMS – SOCIAL JUSTICE WARRIORS.