

8 Great Values

Beatitudes: Blessed or Happy

Keys to **Happiness** - only if we Do them (end of SotM)

8 Values are the Foundation of the Sermon on the Mount

Sermon on the Mount transitions from Law to New Covenant mindset

(Je 31:31-33) ³¹“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— ³²“not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

from Outward Behavior to Minds & Hearts (inner man)

8 Values must be Internally Developed to Outwardly Manifest His Kingdom

this is only possible by His Indwelling Spirit

(Eze 36:26-27) ²⁶“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

8 Values that produce Happiness in us - counter intuitive (Mt 5:3-12)

1. **Humility** is a magnet for the favor of God and the resources of His Kingdom

(Isa 66:2) But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,

(2Ch 16:9) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

(Jas 4:6) God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

(Mt 23:12) And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

stressful to promote/defend ourselves - freedom & happiness in leaving it to God

2. God Comforts those who partner with Him **Mourning** sin

probably sin, Paul - others sin (1 Cor 5:2, 2 Cor 12:21), led to intercession (Gal 4:19)

(Ga 6:1-2) ¹Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

happier with intercessor heart than ambivalent or accusatory one (His comfort/partner)

3. God entrusts the **Gentle** with what is precious to Him because they have His heart

(Mt 11:29) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

happier at rest from learning His gentleness (confrontation & Jam 3:17)

4. God satisfies those who desire **Righteousness**

(Mt 6:33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

happier prioritizing righteousness over provision - Trust

motivation: fear (punished), obligation, reward, Value (happier)

5. God is **Merciful** to the Merciful

(Mt 7:2) For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

we establish our own standard for Judgement/Mercy (accuser Rev 12:10)

Mercy superior to (boasts over) Judgement (Jas 2:13)

God Delights in Mercy (Mic 7:18), no pleasure in Judgement (Ezek 33:11) - Partnership

His Judgement is viewed through goal of Mercy (1 Cor 11:32, Ps 89:14)

happier dwelling in His Mercy (Value & Experience)

6. **Purity of Heart** increases our ability to Perceive God

(Jas 4:8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

He wants to Reveal Himself. For us to Perceive Him (understand Him) we must conform not only our Outward Actions, but also our Minds & Hearts (Jer 31:33)

(Ps 24:3-6) ³Who may stand in His holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart,...⁶This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face.

happier seeking to know and conform to His Heart (intimacy)

7. **Peacemakers** have fully embraced God's Intentions

Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6), Peace on earth (Lk 2:14), Peace ministry (2 Cor 5:18)

(Ro 14:19) Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. (context: disputes over religious behavior)

happier prioritizing making Peace over making points (not compromise)

8. **Fear of God** brings great Heavenly Reward

Eternal Perspective frees us from need to protect our lives (Mt 16:24-27)

(Jn 15:20, 2 Tim 3:12) note: mostly verbal (fear of man Lk 6:26)

(Ac 5:40-42) ⁴⁰And when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴²And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. (vs running & denying Jesus)

happier Suffering for Righteousness than pursuing safety (don't confuse with peace)

Living the 8 Values is our Witness (Mt 5:13-16)

8 Values Motivate us to Works that Reveal the Father's Heart

8 Values don't replace the Law, but fully Satisfy its intent (Mt 5:17-20)

moving us from Outward Behavior to Intentions of the Heart