

## Deep Happiness – Pure in Heart – Week 6 – Pastor Guy 6-5-22

1. How have the beatitudes helped you so far?
  - Blessed are the poor in Spirit (Those who realized they really need God)
  - Blessed are those who mourn (Those who agree with God about their sin)
  - Blessed are the meek (Having strength under control)
  - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness (inner and outer life align)
  - Blessed are the merciful (Known by compassion and forgiveness)
2. Which of these beatitudes are the greatest struggle for you?
3. Which of the beatitudes have you seen the most growth as a follower of Jesus?

*Matthew 5:8 - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."*

Pure in this verse is defined as un-mixed, undivided. Not double minded or unstable.

4. How does this definition of pure help us understand this verse?
5. What in your life attempts to take your focus off of God?
6. How can God's blessings become distractions to following Him?
7. If you were God would you continue to bless someone who allowed the blessings to distract them from following God with an undivided heart?

### **Four things that God wants all of His followers to do:**

**I - Gather** – Regularly attend church and fellowship in a group with other believers.

**II – Grow** – Say yes to God in reading His word, praying, being baptized, etc.

**III – Give** – Give of your time and resources to the church and others.

**IV – Go** – Show love and share Jesus with those around you.

8. Why do you think that God asks all of His followers to do each of these?
9. What impact does it have in our lives if we don't gather, grow, give and go?
10. Which of these 4 are the most difficult for you?
11. Which is the easiest?
12. Is there one that you need to commit to following God in?

*James 4:7-8 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

*Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

Luke 6:46 – "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

13. Why is it so important to have a single focus on God? What does this look like for you?
14. What is one thing you can do today to keep your focus on God and not be 'double-minded'?
15. How do we see God's presence and working, by having a pure or undivided heart?
16. Are there other ways that we see God?
17. How have you seen God?