

## The Truth About What You Really Want

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**Big Question:** Are you clear about what will make you happy?

**Text:** Mathew 5:1-3 (See Appendix for verses 1-10)

- Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Series Summary:**

1. **What do you really want?**
2. Are you hungry? (Driven)
3. Are you doing what is right? (**Integrous**)
4. Are you filled and satisfied with your life?
5. How can a young person **balance** hunger, humility, and passion? (There is nothing like youthful hunger)

**Questions Expanded:**

1. Have you ever had a **need nothing** season? (You were filled)
2. Have you ever **decided** to do what you know is right? (You decided to be righteous)
3. Have you drawn up a **list** of things you hunger and thirst for? (Are you still dreaming?)
4. How do you **define** what being blessed is in your mind? (What do you really want?)

### I. Seven Things We Should Want According to Jesus

**Matthew 5:3-10:**

1. We should want to be **poor** in spirit (Blessed people understand their impoverished condition)
  - 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Note:** They recognize what they don't have

2. We should want to grieve over the things that grieve God (Blessed are those who **mourn**)
  - 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
3. We should want to be teachable (Blessed are the **meek**)
  - 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

4. We should want to be hungry and ambitious (Blessed are the **hungry**)
  - 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
5. We should want to be merciful (Blessed people are merciful; they care for others)
  - 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. We should want to be pure in heart (Blessed are the **pure in heart**)
  - 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
7. We should want to be peacemakers (They are **peacemakers**)
  - 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**Note: They step over insults, persecution, and false accusations**

- 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. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**II. Three Things We Should Not Want  
According to Jesus  
Luke 12:13–23**

**1. Family Strife**

- 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to **divide the inheritance with me.**”  
14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?”

**2. Family Greed**

- 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! **Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;** life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

**3. Success Confusion** (Your success can cause you and those you love confusion)

- 16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an **abundant harvest.**  
17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? **I have no place to store my crops.**’ 18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “**You have plenty of grain laid up for many years.** Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’ ”

**Conclusion: Two Closing Thoughts That Will Help Balance Your Life**

**1. Be Rich Toward God**

- 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21 “**This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.**”

## 2. Don't Worry

- 22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

**Next Time:** The Truth About Being Hungry

**Side Question:** Are the people around you hungry?

### **Read Ahead: Matthew 5:6**

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

### **Appendix: Matthew 5:1–10 (NIV):**

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