

Emmanuel Prayer List - January

Crowe's in Romania (Ukraine Ministry)

- Pray for victims and families of a Russian Drone Attack in Crowe's Ukrainian hometown
- Protection and financial aid for Dima and his family, who was conscripted into Ukrainian Army
- Guest house in Ukraine needs repairs and funds
- Son Broderic needs family visas for Romania
- Broderic and Kristin need support for their Ministry in Romania
- Bruce and Deb need visas and God's direction for their ministry
- The name "Mir" Crowe's Ministry needs name change and all that entails
- Pray for Deb's new ministry, she is a certified Spiritual Director with "Deepen International"

Study Continued

8. Pastor Peter said that the kingdom of God is two things (see notes opposite)
A future _____ and a Present _____

How does the promise of a future home in heaven, make you blessed?

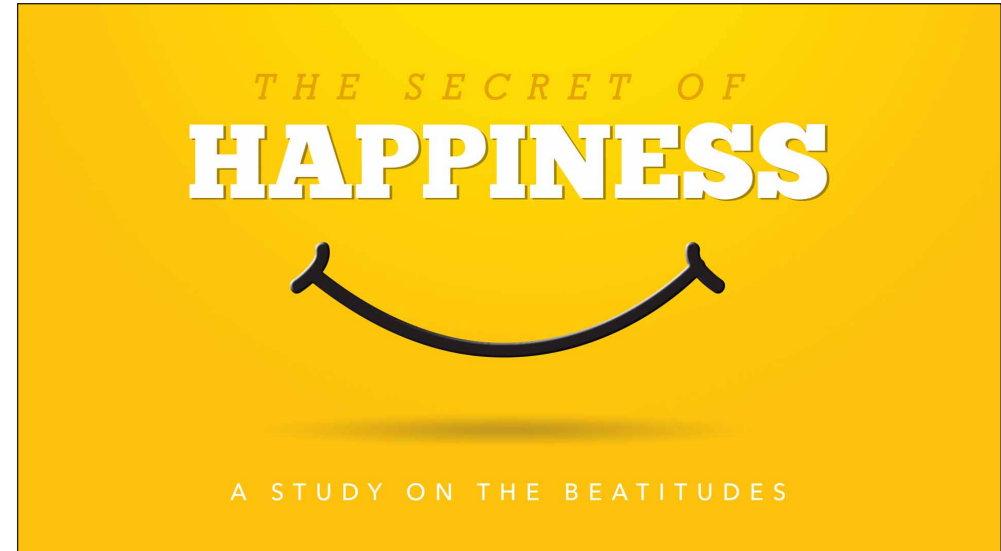
How does the promise of a future home in heaven, affect the way you live on the earth?

In what way is the kingdom of heaven a present reality?

How does having Christ within you affect the way you live on the earth?

9. From hereon, how can each of us live our lives so that Jesus defines us?

10. Take time to pray and give the things of the world that define you to God.



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for their's is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3*

The Beatitudes

1. Blessed are the poor in Spirit
2. Blessed are those who mourn
3. Blessed are the meek
4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
5. Blessed are the merciful
6. Blessed are the pure in heart
7. Blessed are the peacemakers
8. Blessed are the persecuted

Corrie Ten Boom 1892-1983

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Blessed are the poor in spirit - Matthew 5:1-3

What things define our lives?

True happiness comes when what defines us is _____

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Why did people come to Jesus?

What the sermon on the mount teaches us:

The Beatitudes:

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Blessed =

Poor = ptóchos in Greek =

Luke 18:9-14 Parable pharisee & the tax collector:

Luke 9:14 For all those who exalt themselves will be _____, and those who _____ themselves will be exalted.

FOR THEIR'S IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The kingdom of heaven is

1. A _____ promise of a home in heaven

Phil 3:20 Our citizenship is in _____. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. A _____ reality of a new life filled with the presence of God

Luke 17:20-21 The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is _____. (Also read John 10:10)

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. When you read the Beatitudes as a whole, what do you think they are describing? Explain.

2. What things in your world define your life? If someone asked you to describe your life, what would you say? (eg. I'm a housewife, a contractor, a mom, a business person, etc...)

What would it take for Jesus to "define" your life?

3. What is one thing in your life that makes you really happy, or you'd like to happen so that it would make you really happy?

Define happiness:

4. The word blessed is 'makarios' in Greek, which is often translated as 'happy'. The word 'Beatitudes' comes from the Latin, 'Beatitudo' which means happiness. Jesus' use of the word is not a surface happiness that is here today and gone tomorrow. What does Jesus mean when he says that you are, 'blessed'?

5. Jesus begins the sermon on the mount by saying, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." What does Jesus mean when He uses the term, 'poor in spirit'?

6. Read Luke 18:9-14. Compare the two people in this parable. Which one are you more like? Why do you think the tax collector saw himself that way?

What does it take to become more like the tax collector?

7. Corrie Ten Boom said, "Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open." What did Corrie mean by that statement, and how does it relate to recognising yourself as being 'poor in spirit'?