What Happy Looks Like

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INTRODUCTION

- She told the reporter, I just wanted to see what happiness looks like.
- I wonder, are we not tempted at times to buy into the thinking that our lives would be a little bit better if we had more money?
- I'm talking to you today about richer lives, but not the same kind of life that Patricia Smith was trying to purchase with someone else's funds.

1 The Ideal State: This Is What Happy Is

Proverbs 29:18; Job 5:17; Psalm 34:8

- And they describe the ideal state. This is as good as it gets. It's the ideal state. This is what happy is.
- Where there is no vision, it's not talking about our ability to see ahead. It's talking about revelation from God, as in a vision from God, as in God's instruction to us.
- How happy is the man whom God reproves. So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.
- By God's instruction and listening to it and receiving his blessings and benefits by having done so, we live the blessed life.

2 Blessed in the New Testament

- That's what Jesus is describing when he says, blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Paul quotes Jesus. it is more blessed to give than to receive. She was all about the receiving.
- This ideal state involves affliction and chastening and self-discipline.
- These are qualities that most people don't equate with happy. And we struggle with it too.

3 Why the Path of Sin Is Not a Good Idea

Ephesians 5:15–17

- When you reject God's way of life, the blessed and the happy that God's word describes. All your rewards are temporary.
- Selfishness is unsatisfied. It works only in the moment, but not beyond it.
- Do not be unwise, but wise. Making the most of your time because the days are evil.
- The path of sin is not a good idea because living without God is hopeless and an unenviable place.

4 Doing Right Is Not a Future-Only Proposition

Hebrews 6:4–5

- The scriptures speak of the fact that as believers, as those who are embracing God's will, that we taste now.
- We have tasted of the heavenly gift. Paul says in Hebrews chapter six.
- The problem is that we grow impatient for the ultimate that God promises us.
- If you endure patiently, the outcome of things ultimately will be worth it.

5 What Is the Happy Life of the Christian

- If you leave God, I guarantee you it'll not be as good as you thought it was going to be.
- It is the promise of immortality. Living forever. The ideal existence is coming, but only for God's people.
- The peace of God that surpasses all comprehension. Shall guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- It's a calm in our minds. It's an assurance that says, I'm right with God.
- These are the people of God. And what a blessed association it is.

THE CHALLENGE

How blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Have you done that? Have you chosen to put on Christ?

MY NOTES