



BUILT to Last

"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. Matthew 7:24(MSG)

The Definition is:

"Blessed" - (1) A different attitude because of God's favor or (2) A changed mindset that comes from God's blessings.

The first 3 Beatitudes:

Poor in Spirit: We come to God **helpless** and in great need of God.

Those who Mourn: We identify with and allow sorrow to **turn** us to God.

The Meek: We **surrender** our Life & strength to the will of God.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

Don't miss this:

- God wants you to have a **satisfied** life.

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. John 10:10 (NLT)

- A satisfying life is a **righteous** life.

Righteousness in its simplest form means:

- Doing the **right** thing.

Righteousness is about two things:

- A Relationship: Being Right **with God**.

How God makes us right:

We can't make ourselves **righteous**.

"There is not a righteous person on earth who always does what is right and never sins." Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

"No one can ever be made right in God's sight by doing what his law commands, because the more we know God's law, the clearer it becomes that we can't keep it." Romans 3:20 (NLT)

The sin of our lives requires the **death** of our lives.

The payment for sin is death,... Romans 6:23a (GWT)

God sent Jesus to **pay** for our sins.

The payment for sin is death, but the gift that God freely gives is everlasting life found in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23b (GWT)

"For all have sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins. For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed his blood, sacrificing his life for us." Romans 3:23-25 (NLT)

**"When the will of God crosses the will of man,
somebody has to die."** ~Addison Leitch

"God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)

"The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself." Romans 1:17 (NCV)

I accept by faith what **God** did for **me**.

We accept:

God sent Jesus to **die** for my sins.

"We are made right in God's sight **when we trust in Jesus Christ** to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, **no matter who we are or what we have done.**" Romans 3:22(NLT)

God **raised** Jesus from the dead.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for you believe with your heart, **resulting in righteousness**, and you confess with your mouth, **resulting in salvation.**" Romans 10:9-10

- There is no satisfaction in life without **God** in my life.

Righteousness is also about:

- A lifestyle: **Living** right as God intends.

If you know that he (*Jesus*) is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. 1 John 2:29 (ESV)

Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. 1 John 3:7 (NLT)

How to stay hungry for God:

- Stay connected to the **love of God**.

I pray that you have the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. THEN you will be filled with the fullness of life AND the power that comes from God. Ephesians 3:18-19 (NLT)

- Stop filling up with **junk food**.

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NLT)

Isaiah 55:1-2 (NCV)

- Get into God's **word** every day.

1 Peter 2:2 (NLT)

- Get into a **Connection Group** for support and encouragement.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you think that many people live unsatisfied and empty lives? What do we try to fill our lives with to give them meaning and to be fulfilling?
- What does righteousness mean? None of us feel that we are righteous. So are you a righteous person? Why do you say that?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: "How God makes us right."
- What does the quote from Addison Leitch mean to you?
- It seems easier for people to accept that Jesus died on the cross for our sins; Why is it important to accept that Jesus was raised from the dead?
- Do you really believe that there is no satisfaction in life without God in our lives? Why do you believe that?
- Talk through the points under the sub-heading: "How to stay hungry". How do we effectively do these things?
- What is some "Junk Food" people tend to fill up on?

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