Blessed Beyond Belief Sunday Jan. 28, 2024

Pt.5 BECOMING RIGHTEOUS

Matthew 5:6

Three Basic Steps to Becoming RIGHTEOUS

Step #1 ... Quit Searching in all the Wrong Places

Areas we search for satisfaction... and we come up empty.

- · Pleasure
- · Performance
- · Possessions

Step #2 ... Begin A Life of Pursuit

- By <u>Reflecting</u> God's Righteousness
 - **3 Types of Righteousness...** that we are to Pursue
 - 1) <u>Legal</u> Justification... 2 Cor 5:21
 - 2) Personal Holiness
 - 3) Seeking <u>Justice</u> ... Isaiah 1:17
- THE KEY... The <u>Blessing</u> is <u>Found</u> in the Pursuit <u>Statement</u>... You don't become satisfied <u>after</u> you've become a completely <u>righteous</u> person... You become <u>filled</u>

because of the fact that you are in pursuit of a holy life.

<u>Statement</u>...The Key to <u>satisfaction</u> is not in obtaining a state of <u>perfection</u>, it's found in the <u>journey</u>.

Step #3... Continue the Process of Growth

- By Searching God's Word Daily
- By <u>Becoming</u> a <u>Prayer</u> Warrior
- By <u>Modeling</u> God's <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u> in the World

1 Thess. 1:6-8

- There is a <u>false</u> message of <u>exclusion</u> being taught by some today.
- Under the false <u>guise</u> of not becoming <u>worldly</u>, they pull themselves <u>away</u> from the people God has <u>called</u> them to model the gospel too.
- God did not <u>call</u> us to <u>hole</u> ourselves up in <u>seclusion</u>.
- The world is not our <u>enemy</u> ...

the world is our mission field.

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