

# The Good and Beautiful Life –Part 3

Extended Verse Study:

## This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**"...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." Philippians 2:12-13**

### 2017 Motto:

**It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)**

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

### Current Sermon Title:

**The Good and Beautiful Life – part 3**

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read Philippians 2:12-13

2: Read Matthew 5:1-12

3: Read Matthew 22:36-40

4: Read 1st John 4:8

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

## FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. What has been your background history and understanding of the Beatitudes?
2. Pastor Steve said, "*Blessedness in the kingdom of God has nothing to do with what we consider blessedness in the kingdom of the world.*" Name something in the world that is associated as a "state of being blessed" ... you are blessed if...?
3. Is blessedness in the kingdom of God defined by one's gender, race, social status, state of health or wealth? Explain.
4. Pastor Steve said, "*Blessedness in God's kingdom is actually knowing personally and loving personally God with all of our heart, all of our mind and all of our body.*" Regardless of your circumstances you are blessed. What is the key to the good and beautiful blessed life in the kingdom of God?
5. Since the Beatitudes is not as much a definition of how to achieve blessedness as it is an invitation to know God more by loving God which is the blessing, does that mean we just wait for our lives to transform to blessedness? Read Philippians 2:12-13.
6. Pastor Steve said, "*The Good and Beautiful life unfolds more and more as we stop waiting on the blessed life, and stop trying to get God's blessing...stop trying to earn God's blessing and start being the blessed of God.*" Can you give an example of a soul training exercise you engage in that displays the Good and Beautiful life of a citizen in the kingdom of God?

## FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

*The key to the Good and Beautiful life: - Is to know and love God with all your heart, mind, and body*

- **The primary goal of a Christian is to love God more**
- **Philippians 2:12-13 -as we work soul training exercises, God will work to build our love for Him.**
- **Deepening love for God results in deepening love for self and others.**
- **The blessed life is knowing you're loved by God and then loving God back**
- **It's always 3:30 for every Christian, everywhere, all the time... He is greater than I**
- **How will you tweak your soul to experience the love God already has for you?**
- **What soul training exercises do you have in place to continue your Spiritual Formation Plan?**