Day Four: Read Galatians 6:1-5.
• List three commands we should obey in these verses. List two promises from God.
• What does it mean to be “responsible for our own conduct”? How does comparing yourself to others prevent you from taking responsibility for your behavior?
• According to these verses, what is the way to overcome the temptation to compare yourself to someone else? What are some steps you can take this week to “pay careful attention to your own work”?
• Is there someone you know right now that needs to be gently and humbly led back onto the right path? Pray for him or her, and then reach out this week to help bring that person back to Christ.

Day Five: Read Proverbs 15:15.
• On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = not at all, 10 = completely) how happy are you with your life? Why did you choose that number? What would it take to move that number up?
• If you could switch lives with someone, real or fictional, who would it be and why?
• Name one specific thing you will do this week to become focused on meeting other people’s needs. Ask God to give you the grace to do that one thing.

Day Six: Read Psalm 145:8-18.
• List three attributes of God in this passage that you need to develop in your life.
• Are you compassionate? Name one thing that you would say you care about yet you don’t do anything about. What is keeping you from turning those feelings into actions?
• If someone followed you around for a week, would there be more evidence that you cared mostly about yourself or mostly about others?
• Think of a time when you showed compassion and it ended up changing you more than the person you were caring for. Pray and ask God to help you become more compassionate.

Day Seven: Read 1 John 3:11-19.
• This past weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “The closer I get to Jesus, the less I care about me and the more I care about others.” What does that statement mean to you? Is it true in your life?
• In real life, compassion interrupts our lives and has high costs. How can getting closer to Christ help you overcome those obstacles?
• Friend Day weekend is March 25th & 26th. Have you invited anyone to Friend Day yet? It’s not too late! Get on the phone or get up and invite someone right now. Your simple invitation may be the one thing God uses to change your friend’s eternal destiny.
1 Corinthians 6:13 “The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”

**Action doesn’t always produce happiness, but there cannot be any happiness without the right action.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11-12 “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.”

3. **Aim At A Happy _______________.**

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 “So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”

**The closer I get to Jesus, the less I care about me and the more I care about others.**

Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**Memory Verse:** “So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:18

**Daily Devotional for HAPPY IS AS HAPPY DOES**

*Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your life group.*

**Day One: Read Colossians 1:15-23.**
• Verse 16 tells us, “Everything got started in Christ and finds its purpose in Him.” Our lives can never be happy unless we live within the purpose for which we were created. Are you living for Christ? In what ways could you be more committed to the Lord? How would that impact your level of peace, satisfaction, and happiness?
• How should the fact that life on earth is temporary affect the way I’m living right now?
• What are some things you naturally enjoy doing that you could use to serve God and others? What are some talents you have that would be a blessing to people? Pray and ask God to guide you into using your talents and interests to serve Him.

**Day Two: Read Mark 10:42-45.**
• What truth speaks to you most in these verses?
• Think about a time when you acted selfishly and it lead to misery. Now, think about a time when you acted selflessly and it made you happy. Why do you think you felt happy when you acted selflessly?
• Is there a way you need to serve others or a place you need to volunteer? If so, what is one step you can take this week toward serving or volunteering?

**Day Three: Read Galatians 5:19-23.**
• What are some ways you are tempted to find happiness at the expense of others? How can you avoid acting on those temptations?
• As you look at the list of the fruit of the Spirit, is it difficult for you to believe that they lead to happiness? Why or why not?
• This past weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “Brokenness leads to selfishness.” What does that statement mean to you? How have you seen that statement to be true in life?
• Pray this prayer: “Lord Jesus, deliver me from brokenness that leads to selfishness. Help me not to seek my own happiness at the expense of others. Let the fruit of the Holy Spirit grow in my life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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