

# How can we experience true happiness and contentedness in an increasingly dark and material world?

*Schuller's treatment on the Sermon on the Mount extracts ten contemporary truths, expounds on what it means to be blessed*

## *Happiness According to Jesus: What it Means to be Blessed*

by Bobby Schuller

### What is Happiness According to Jesus?

A practical and accessible look at the greatest sermon ever preached – the Sermon on the Mount - and ten contemporary truths learned from it, including what it really means to be blessed and to experience happiness as Jesus intended.

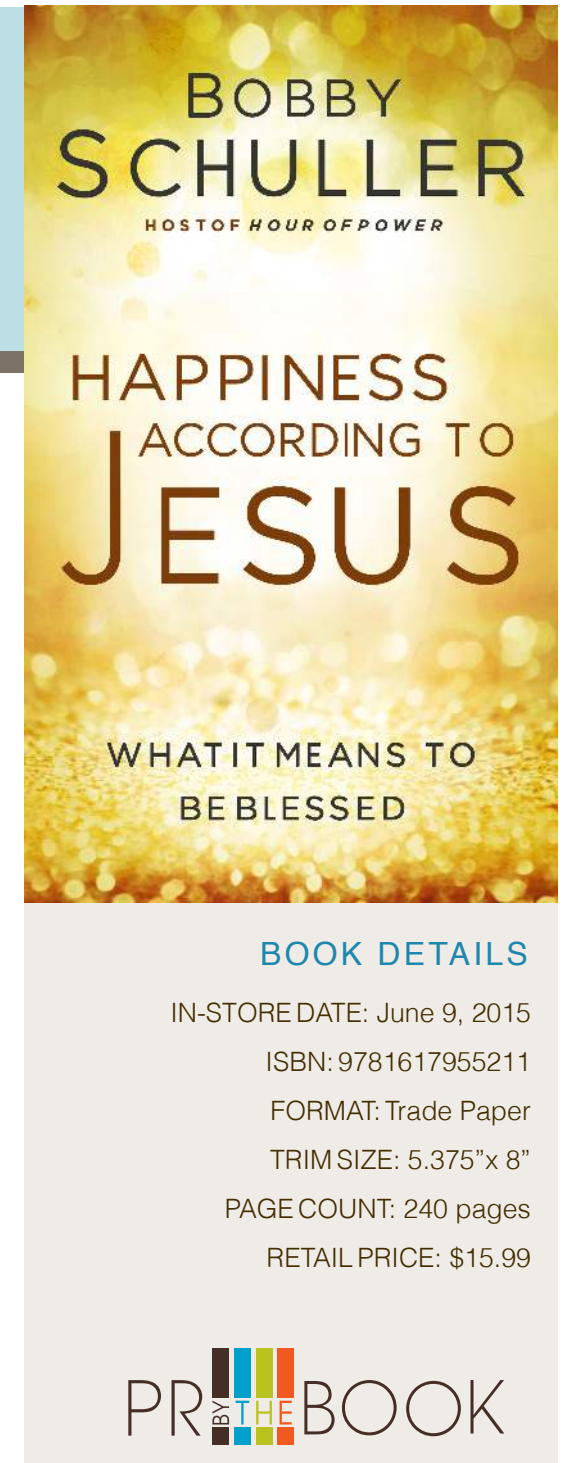
Also answers questions such as: If God loves me, why won't He answer my prayers? Is it wrong to be materially blessed? What does it mean to be 'poor in spirit'? How can I find fulfillment, whatever the circumstances?

### What is the takeaway, the core message?

No matter how great the suffering of life, anyone can experience real happiness by living in the shepherding of Jesus. This means embracing His way of life, one that is rarely seen in today's culture. His way severs anger, contempt, lies and mask wearing, replacing it with a new heart that loves enemies, gives secretly, lives simply and abandons reputation management.

### Who wrote it? The essentials on: Bobby Schuller

- Born on July 28, 1981.
- Graduated from Oral Roberts University in 2003 and received his Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2008.
- Was the youngest serving chaplain in the Chautauqua Institute's 150-year history.
- Hosts the Hour of Power, a long-running broadcast ministry seen by millions around the world and for 40 years hosted by his grandfather, the late Dr. Robert Schuller
- Also serves as the teaching pastor of Shepherd's Grove Church in Garden Grove, CA, and as the president of the St Patrick Project, a social services outreach in Orange County, CA. Shepherd's Grove is a congregation of the Reformed Church in America. Schuller is a commissioned pastor of the RCA.
- Has been featured on TV shows such as 100 Huntley Street and TLC's 'The Messengers'.
- Authored the bestselling '*Imagine Happiness*' in 2012.



## Why you'll want to talk to him:

- Fresh, young face and voice. Took over leadership in 2012, at the age of 30, of one of the nation's most widely-recognized churches and broadcast ministries (Hour of Power reaches millions across U.S.).
- Great communicator. Vast media experience across multiple platforms, national outlets.
- Authoritative, comprehensive knowledge of Scripture.
- Sizeable congregation, broadcast audience and social media presence drive traffic to media that cover him.
- Grandson of the late Dr. Robert Schuller, founder of Crystal Cathedral

## Why did he write it?

"When I came to faith, I didn't understand how to live or pray. I thought it was just about going to heaven when I die. I didn't realize how central it was to Jesus to create disciples and see real Christian character. Too many people are in that situation. They come to faith in Christ and just don't really understand ... what's next. How to create disciples, cultivate growth and character, experience real, Biblical joy."

## Why is it relevant?

- Prosperity Gospel teaching has poisoned millions, who now believe that following Christ is about obtaining riches and material blessing
- Millions disillusioned with their career or marriage and finding it difficult to experience joy, contentment
- Important for believers to understand that our joy cannot be directly related to or dependent upon our comfort
- In a world that is moving rapidly away from authentic Biblical truth, important to hold firm to the Gospel, resist the watered-down, misleading messaging of the world/culture
- Important for a culture hostile to our faith to see that following Christ isn't about self-righteousness, following rules or passing judgment ... but abundant joy, love and grace.

## Who is it for?

- Book will appeal broadly to Christians
- Subsets inside that demographic that may take a particular interest are 55+ women, millennials and new believers
- Anyone stuck in a rut, struggling to find contentment, joy. Those enslaved to money, worry, reputation management



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## What people are saying about the book:

“If you are looking for a positive message in this downbeat world then reading what Bobby Schuller has to say is just what you are looking for. He makes following Jesus a joyful journey.”

**-Tony Campolo, PhD, Eastern University**

“Common happiness slips through the fingers of our lives. The happiness Jesus offers, however, calls us, wakes us, heals us, recreates us, motivates us and directs us for lives of love and justice. This is the happiness of life we find in Christ and it cannot slip away. Bobby Schuller wants to make sure we hold this greatest of all gifts when Jesus Christ holds us.”

**- Mark Labberton, President, Fuller Theological Seminary**

“Bobby Schuller is a compelling communicator with a passionate faith who teaches the Bible with a refreshing style that makes me want to follow Jesus with greater devotion. This book unpacks the greatest sermon ever preached with the keen understanding of a professor and the heart and sensitivity of a pastor.”

**- Gene Appel, Senior Pastor, Eastside Christian Church, Anaheim, CA**

“With humility, practical insight, and wisdom Bobby shares from his heart how all of us can live a wonderful life rooted in the book of Matthew! Not a stranger from the limelight or from pain, Bobby gives us a timely gift of encouragement to live life to the fullest in this book.”

**- Dave Gibbons, Strategic Advisor and Founder of [NEWSONG.NET](http://NEWSONG.NET) and [XEALOTS.ORG](http://XEALOTS.ORG)**

“Uplifting, encouraging, and comforting, Bobby Schuller takes us to the mountainside where we hear the Sermon on the Mount like we’ve never heard it before. Through his explanation of ancient culture blended with modern-day examples, we gain insight and clarity into what is believed by many to be Christ’s most beloved and powerful words. Happiness According to Jesus is not to be missed.”

**- Doug Mazza, President, Joni and Friends International Disability Center**

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