Getting a Grip… On The Man
Get a Grip *#2*
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Matt. 16:15-17
*He said to them, **"But who do you say that I am?"** 16 Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** 17 And Jesus said to him, **"Blessed are you, Simon Barjona**, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.* (NASB)

Q: What does it mean to be blessed?
- It means you're in a good position!

Q: How can we be "Blessed" like Peter?

1. By being hungry and thirsty for righteousness.

Matt. 5:6 *"Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they **shall be satisfied**.*

Q: How do we know that Peter was hungry and thirsty for righteousness?
- (Matt. 10:2) Peter didn't blend in… he was hungry!
- (Matt. 14:28) Peter got out of the boat to be like Jesus!
- (Matt. 15:15) Peter wanted to know how to apply the Lord's teaching!

ASK YOURSELF…

What would "Hungry and thirsty for righteousness" look like in MY life?

Matt. 6:33
*"But **seek first** His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* (NASB)

Priorities Affirmed in Scripture:
A. *Finding out what pleases the Lord (Eph. 5:10)* **B**. *Doing what pleases the Lord (James 1:25)* **C**. *Giving to others more than getting (Acts 20:35)* **D**. *Good Marriage or Getting Married (Gen. 2:18)* **E**. *Earning Money (1Tim. 5:8)* **F**. *Kids (Psa. 127:4-5)* **G**. *House (Prov. 24:3-4)* **H**. *Recreation or Vacation (Ex. 23:12)*

Priority List:

Blessed	Not Blessed
1. A	1.
2. B	2.
3. C	3.

2. By being pure in heart.

Matt. 5:8 *"**Blessed** are the **pure in heart**, for **they shall see God**.* (NASB)

- This isn't about being morally perfect or sexually pure; this is about loving God with your ***whole heart***… not just part of it.

Deut. 6:5 "*You shall love the LORD your God **with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*** (NASB)

Isaiah 29:13-14 *Then the Lord said, "Because this people **draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me,** and their reverence for Me consists of **tradition learned by rote,** 14 Therefore behold, I will once again deal marvelously with this people, wondrously marvelous; and **the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the discernment of their discerning men will be concealed.**"* (NASB)

Follow Up Challenge:

1. **Honestly fill out your current priority list.**
2. **Check your accuracy: Where you spend your time and your money.**
3. **Decide, based on your answers, if you are "blessed."**
4. **Partner with someone who can help.**

If you're ready to put yourself in position to get a grip on the real Jesus, come back next week, and we'll look at how God reveals Jesus to us!