

A close-up photograph of a hand holding an open book. The book is held vertically, and bright, golden light rays emanate from the pages, creating a dramatic, ethereal effect. The background is dark, making the light from the book stand out. The overall mood is one of divine inspiration or enlightenment.

BOOK *of* JOHN



BLESSED BY DOING

JOHN 13:12-17

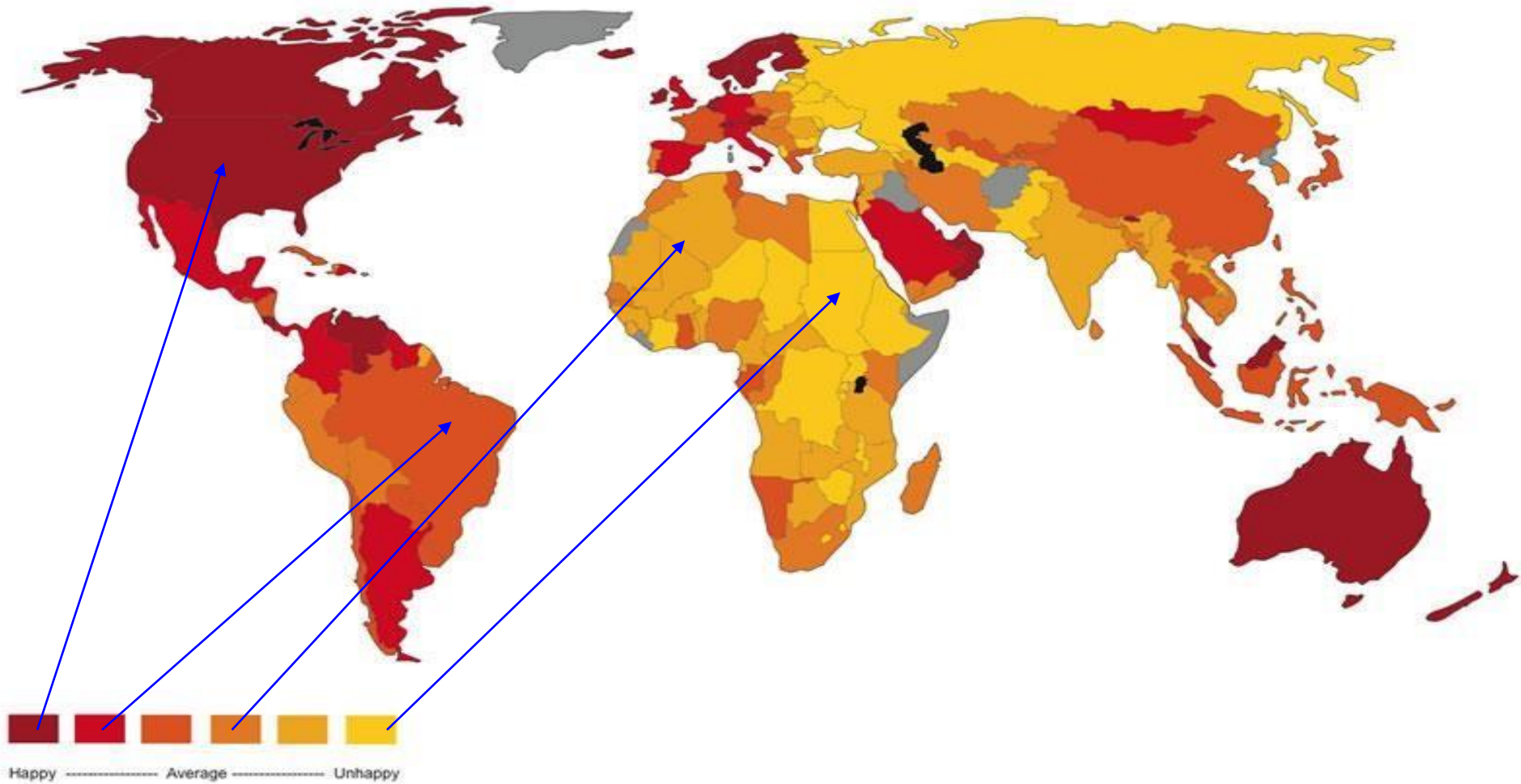
Blessed (Heb. *Barukh*; Gk. *Markarios*)

- When God is referred to, this word means “praise.”
- But where man is in mind, it is used in the sense of “happy” or “favored.”

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **James 1:22***

The standard of a servant: Blessing comes from serving others. **Phil. 2:5-8; Mark 9:33-35**

Map of World Happiness



THE KING'S HIGHWAY—EL CAMINO REAL

- ***HUMILITY***—as we saw in **v. 1-5**
- ***HOLINESS***—last time in **v. 6-11**
- ***HAPPINESS***—through serving others **v. 12-17**

Happiness is really just simply doing what God has planned for us and being what He has called us to be.

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **Eph. 2:10***

HEY, GUYS, DO YOU GET IT?

The world thinks that happiness is the result of others serving us, but real joy comes from serving others in the name of Jesus.

- You would think the disciples remembered His lessons about the child (**Matt. 18:1-6**) or the rebuke He gave James and John when they asked for thrones (**Matt. 20:20-28 or Mark 9, 10**), **but not so much!**
- We need leaders who will serve and servants who will lead the church down the King's highway.

NOW GO DO IT!

James 1:22-27 makes it clear that the blessing comes in the *doing of the Word*, not simply the hearing.

- These verses can stir us *emotionally* or enlighten us *intellectually*, but they cannot bless us *spiritually* until we do what Jesus told us to do.

GOD'S FORMULA FOR HAPPINESS: Submit to God's Word and will, do what His Word says, keep your life clean of dirt by getting a spiritual bath daily; and then serve others with all that you have and you'll be blessed.