

GO REALISTICALLY
Part 1: God Wants Me To Be Happy And Safe
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“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie”

Romans 1:25 (NIV)

THE THEOLOGY OF HAPPINESS
IF GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY, THEN

1. **WHATEVER MAKES ME HAPPY MUST BE _____ . WHATEVER MAKES ME UNHAPPY MUST BE _____ .**
2. **DISCOMFORT, DELAY, INCONVENIENCES, OBSTACLES, RISK AND SUFFERING CAN'T BE _____ .**
3. **WITHOUT KNOWING IT, I WILL BEGIN TO _____ THE _____ OF COMFORT, MONEY PLEASURE, POSSESSIONS AND HEALTH.**

BUT, IF ABOVE ALL ELSE GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY, THEN

1. **GOD EXISTS TO _____ .**
2. **IF I'M NOT HAPPY AND SAFE, GOD HAS _____ .**

THE BIBLICAL REALITIES ABOUT HAPPINESS

“...or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” II Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)

1. **GOD DOESN'T WANT ME TO _____ .**
GOD WANTS ME TO _____ .

GOD DOESN'T WANT ME TO BE HAPPY IF

1. **IT SHIFTS MY _____ AWAY FROM _____ .**

“Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him.”

Psalms 62:1 (NIV)

2. IT CAUSES ME TO DO SOMETHING _____ OR _____.

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;...” 1 Peter 1:15 (NIV)

- **GOD’S HIGHEST PRIORITY IS NOT MY _____, BUT MY _____.**

3. IT’S ONLY BASED ON _____ OF _____.

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.”
1 John 2:15 (NIV)

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love.” John 15:9 (NIV)

“I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” John 15:11 (NIV)

1. COMPLETE JOY COMES THROUGH _____.

“So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.” John 16:22 (NIV)

2. CHRIST’S JOY BRINGS _____.

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances... I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:11,13 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS TO ...

Ask the question, “Am I happy?”

- If not, why not?
- If not, how could I find happiness in the here and now?
- If so, how long do I think it will last?

- Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - By attending each Sunday
 - By seeking answers to my spiritual questions
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
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- Shift my focus from happiness to holiness
 - Engage in: Prayer
 - Bible Reading
 - Digging Deeper Podcast
 - Begin serving: Within my Church Family
 - Hillsboro Not As Usual