Being Happy as a Christian

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INTRODUCTION

- God made us to be happy and intends us to be happy.
- It's not either or that you can be holy and happy. In fact, I think we'll see tonight from the scriptures that true happiness is found through the pathway of holiness.

1 False Reason: Happy If You Have Enough Possessions

Ecclesiastes 2:10; Job 21:13

- Maybe the greatest one that Satan has fostered upon mankind is that you can be happy if you have enough possessions.
- Whatever my eyes beheld, I did not withhold from them.
- He found at the end of that experiment, that failed experiment, that life for him was empty.
- We have too many times bought into that mentality that we will be happy and find happiness through stuff.

2 False Reason: Happiness Found in Circumstances

Luke 6:25; Matthew 5:4

- If everything would just kind of work out, then I could be happy.
- Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- Trying to find an abiding happiness in the volatility of life, is nothing but futile.
- True happiness, is not going to be found in trying to eliminate or to ignore misery and suffering.

3 False Reason: Pleasure Equals Happiness

Proverbs 14:12–13

- So many are convinced that pleasure equals happiness.
- There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.
- Even in laughter, the heart is sorrowful. And the end of mirth is heaviness.
- It's a hollow happiness. It's a hollow existence.

4 The Godly Association of a Child of God

Psalm 133:1

- One is the godly association that you have in being a child of God.
- Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.
- That you've got not just one, not just a few, but almost innumerable people that you could call upon.

5 Instructions in Living a Clean Moral Life

Psalm 128:1

- Another temporal reason we have for happiness is that we've been given instructions in living a clean moral life.
- Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord who walks in his ways.
- All of those rules and restrictions that God has laid down are not to zap happiness away from us, but that God is trying to help us.
- To know that the maker of this universe wants, not only will, but wants to hear from me. And wants to answer my prayer.

6 Eternal Reasons for Being Happy

Matthew 5:12; Luke 10:20

- I'm happy because I know that the scriptures give me hope that I can escape from eternal damnation.
- There is a peace of God that surpasses all understanding. That will guard our thoughts and our hearts.
- Rejoice and be exceeding glad. For great is your reward in heaven.
- Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.
- I'll get to spend an eternity with God and with you in heaven.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you happy? Are you really happy? You've got more reasons than anybody else. Don't let this world get you down.

MY NOTES