

God never said: Do what you want, God wants You Happy

May all who are godly be happy ... Ps. 97:12 NLT

The error of the pursuit of Happiness thinking

1. Whatever makes me happy must be right. Whatever makes me unhappy must be wrong.
 2. Discomfort, delay, risk, suffering, inconveniences, and obstacles can't be God's will.
 3. Without knowing it, I begin to worship the false gods of comfort, money, pleasure and things.
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God DOESN'T want you Happy:

1) When it causes you to do something wrong or unwise.

³But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do ...
I Peter 1:15

2) When it is only based on Things of this world.

1 John 2:15-17

God wants You BLESSED

⁴Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 ESV

Followers of Jesus:

⇒ “Father, help me experience the joy of pursuing You”

✓ **Life change happens better in Groups in circles with you in it.**

• What are somethings that just make you happy?

• Read Proverbs 14:2. Think of a time you did something wrong or unwise in the pursuit of happiness. Are you currently being tempted to do something wrong or unwise?

• What is the scariest part about replacing the pursuit of happiness with the pursuit of God?

• What do you do when you find yourself living in a scarcity mindset? How do you act when you have an abundance mindset?

• Read Psalm 37:1-7. Think about how you delight in the Lord. How have you experienced the blessing of God even when life isn't going the way you want?

• What step will you take this week to put your hope in Christ?

God Never Said That- God wants you Happy

November's Memory Verse - *But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil."*
2 Timothy 2:19 (NLT)

Monday 11/5- Read Matthew 6:25-27

Question: *Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Vs. 27*

Truth: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Vs. 25*

Meditate: Matthew 6:26 – *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

Prayer: Father God, I know that you love me and that you will help me meet all of my needs.

Action: *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.* Matthew 6:34

What I need to do Today:

Tuesday 11/6- Read Matthew 6:28-34

Question: *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

Truth: *For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Vs. 32*

Meditate: Matthew 6:30 – *If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?*

Prayer: Lord, teach me your ways.

Action: *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

I will worship God today

by: _____

Wednesday 11/7- Read Philippians 4:4-9

Question: What should I do if I start to worry?

Truth: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Meditate: Phil. 4:8- *Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

Prayer: Father, God I am thankful for...

Action: **Pray** right, **Think** right, **Do** right.

Today I'm thankful for: _____

Thursday 11/8- Read Psalm 100

Question: Why should I: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

Truth: *For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Meditate: Psalm 100:3- *Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

Prayer: God you are good and Jesus Name is to be praised. Thank you for the hope I have in you.

Action: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

What God is telling me: _____

Friday 11/9- Psalm 23:1-6

Question: What should I remember when I start to worry about the necessities of life?

Truth: *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. Vs. 1*

Meditate: Psalm 23:6- *Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your love and protection of both my body and my soul.

Action: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Who will I love this week and invite to church: _____