

God Wants Me Happy

HAPPY MISTAKES:

- We try to **fake it**.
Psalm 34:13
- We try to **chase it**.
Ecclesiastes 1:14
- We try to **force it**.
Proverbs 25:20

DOES GOD CARE IF I'M HAPPY?

- **Enjoy** what God has **approved**.
1 Timothy 6:17/ James 1:17
- Let the **massive** blessings **sink in** deeply.
Colossians 1:27/ Colossians 3:16/ Romans 8:1
- Sometimes God **weeps** for us.
John 11:35

ARE THERE SOME THINGS BETTER THAN MY OWN HAPPINESS?

- ① **Someone else's** happiness.
Hebrews 11:25-26/ Ruth 1:17
- ② **Wake-up calls that return me to God**.
Amos 4:6-11/ Luke 15:16-17
- ③ **Trials that change my character**.
Matthew 5:3-10/ James 1:2-4
- ④ **Sacrifices that expand God's Kingdom**.
Jonah 4:6-11/ Mark 10:29-31

KEY QUESTION:

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- ① _____ happiness.
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Food for Thought

For the week of July 22, 2007
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This week we heard how the trials that change our character can be better than our own happiness. In the *Sermon on the Mount*, Jesus listed a number of attitudes and actions that result in a blessing but would be considered by most as a challenge to put into practice. Read the *Sermon on the Mount* in Matthew 5:3-12 and write down the challenge followed by the blessing and then answer the questions below.

Verse	Challenge	Blessing
v. 3		
v. 4		
v. 5		
v. 6		
v. 7		
v. 8		
v. 9		
v. 10		
v. 11 & 12		

2. Looking back at the list above, which ones are easiest for you to put into practice? Which ones would be the most challenging? Are there any that you have sensed God's blessing when put into action?

3. The happiness God has for us is usually the result of doing the "right thing" as opposed to pursuing happiness in and of itself. That's why when we do the "tough, but right thing," a sense of contentment, joy or happiness can result. How could making what is stated in the following verses a priority result in contentment or happiness? How could pursuing happiness instead of what these verses state actually result in discontentment?

Proverbs 28:14

James 1:25

Psalms 146:5

Job 5:17

4. As a result of this week's teaching and/or study, is there anything you need to change, add or delay in your pursuit of happiness?