



Part 6: Identifying False and True Pleasures - Scripture

Jeremiah 15:16

1. From the sermon, why is it beneficial to understand that the Bible views joy and happiness as essentially the same? In other words, why is it important to understand that the Bible does NOT give a negative stigma to “happiness”? _____

- a. Read **Philippians 4:11**. How should we think about joy/happiness in light of - changing circumstances? _____

2. Read **Jeremiah 15:16**. What does Jeremiah compare God’s words to? How is this comparison true?

- a. Why is helpful to know that Jeremiah says this while being *painfully* despised by the people he ministered to? _____

- b. How will you relate to the Bible when you believe **Psalms 119:103**? _____

- c. How will you treat God’s word when you believe **Matthew 4:4**? _____

3. What does **Proverbs 8:10-11** compare Scripture to? Why? _____

- a. How does believing this grow your passion to memorize Scripture? _____

- b. How many verses did you memorize in 2020? _____
- c. How often do you take time to review the verses you’ve memorized? _____

d. What practical steps will you take to enjoy the RICHES of Scripture by memorizing? Slow down and make a plan. _____

4. When we don't seek pleasure in God's truth, what does **Psalm 62:4**, **2 Thessalonians 2:12** and **Proverbs 18:2** say we will do? _____

a. Why is the "landmines in Cambodia" illustration from the sermon helpful when it comes to the role Scripture should have in our lives? _____

b. How did a truth from Scripture recently help you to avoid a "landmine"? _____

5. Read **Jeremiah 15:16**. Why is it essential to understand that God wrote the Bible to make us happy?

a. How are you happier since you began engaging in Scripture? _____

b. How did Scripture intensify your pleasure this past week? _____

c. What does Jesus assure us of in **John 17:13**? _____

6. When it comes to growing in our understanding and obedience to Scripture, why must we keep **1 John 2:1** front and central? _____

7. What is your main takeaway from this teaching? _____
