

## “God Just Wants Me To Be Happy!”

Satan, who is the god of this world, has **blinded the minds** of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. - **2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT**

“May all who are godly **be happy.**” - **Psalm 97:12 NLT**

### THE (FALSE) THEOLOGY OF HAPPINESS

- A. Whatever makes me HAPPY must be \_\_\_\_\_; whatever makes me UNHAPPY must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Any discomfort, delay, risk, suffering, inconvenience, or obstacle cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Without knowing it, I begin to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of comfort, money, pleasure and things.

### GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU HAPPY

1. If It Causes You To Do Something \_\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_\_ !

“There is a way that **seems right** to man, 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**

2. If It's Only Based On The \_\_\_\_\_ Of This \_\_\_\_\_ !

\_\_\_\_\_ possessions + \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances + \_\_\_\_\_ experiences  
+ the \_\_\_\_\_ relationships + the \_\_\_\_\_ appearance = HAPPINESS!

Do not **love the world** or **anything in the world**. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For **everything in the world**—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires **pass away**, but **whoever does the will of God lives forever.**

- **1 John 2:15-17 NIV**

### GOD WANTS YOU \_\_\_\_\_ !

You know that **the testing of your faith** produces perseverance. **Let perseverance finish its work** so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. - **James 1:3-4 NIV**

“**Delight yourself in the LORD**, and he will give you **the desires of your heart.**” - **Psalm 37:4 ESV**

“May all who are godly **be happy\* in the LORD** and **praise his holy name!**” - **Psalm 97:12 NLT**

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What does culture say you need in order to be happy?
- Talk about a time when you did something wrong or unwise in the pursuit of happiness. Are you currently being tempted?
- Talk about how you delight in the Lord and how you have experienced the blessings of God even when life isn't going the way you want?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to *pursue God over personal happiness*?