



GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HAPPY

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POPULAR BIBLICAL MISCONCEPTION #5

God wants you to be happy.

May all who are godly be happy... (Psalm 97:12 NLT96)

THE THEOLOGY OF HAPPINESS

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.

GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU HAPPY WHEN...

1. IT CAUSES YOU TO DO SOMETHING WRONG OR UNWISE.

But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

HOLINESS > HAPPINESS

2. IT IS ONLY BASED ON THINGS OF THIS WORLD.

Better possessions + peaceful circumstances + thrilling experiences + the right relationships + the perfect appearance + ... = **HAPPINESS**

HAPPINESS IS BASED ON HAPPENINGS

Do not love the world or the things 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 in one's possessions – is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever. (1 John 2:15-17)

- **GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU HAPPY... HE WANTS YOU BLESSED.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. (Psalm 37:4)

May all who are godly be happy in the Lord and praise his holy name! (Psalm 97:12)

The person who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence indeed is the Lord, is blessed. He will be like a tree planted by water: it sends its roots out toward a stream, it doesn't fear when heat comes, and its foliage remains green. It will not worry in a year of drought or cease producing fruit. (Jeremiah 17:7-8)