



At The Movies – Part 4 – The Myth of Happiness
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***The Myth:* Above all else, God wants us to be HAPPY.**

May all who are godly be happy... - Psalm 97:12

The Dangers of this Myth:

- Whatever makes me unhappy must be WRONG.
- We look for happiness in HAPPENINGS.
- If something is wrong, God's not WORKING in my life.

***The Reality:* Above all else, God wants us to be happy IN HIM.**

May all who are godly be happy in the Lord and praise his holy name. - Psalm 97:12

LIVING A BLESSED LIFE

The Lord God of Jacob blesses everyone who trusts him and depends on him. - Psalm 146:5

1) Depend on God's WISDOM.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. – Proverbs 3:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. – James 1:5

2) Depend on God's STRENGTH.

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. – Isaiah 40:31

I will go in the strength of the Lord God... - Psalm 71:16

3) Depend on God's TIMING.

But I am trusting you, O Lord, saying, "You are my God!"
¹⁵ My future is in your hands. – Psalm 31:14-15

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. – Romans 12:11-12

4) Depend on God's FORGIVENESS.

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
– Psalm 32:1-2



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