

Sermon: Does God Want Me To Be Happy?

Series: Fake Verses

Passages: Genesis 3:1-7, Matthew 5:3-12, John 10:7-15

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Relevant Question: Does God Want Me To Be Happy?

Main Point: You will be most joyful when you are most like Jesus.

Does God Want Me To Be Happy?

Does God Want Me To Pursue Happiness?

The Equation: Me + _____ = Happiness

Me + *Fun* = Happiness

Me + *Spouse* = Happiness

Me + *New Career* = Happiness

Me + *Money* = Happiness

Me + *New Clothes* = Happiness

Me + *Being skinny* = Happiness

Me + *A College Degree* = Happiness

Do these things *really* bring you happiness, fulfillment, joy, or security?

You believe these things will bring you lasting happiness and joy so you've set these as the main goal and pursuit in your life.

Satan gets you to question God's goodness.

Genesis 3:1-7 (CSB)

¹Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden.

³But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.' "

⁴"No! You will certainly not die," the serpent said to the woman.

⁵"In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 5:3–12 (CSB)

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹“You are blessed when they insult you and persecute you and falsely say every kind of evil against you because of me.

¹²Be glad and rejoice, because your reward is great in heaven. For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Pursuing happiness will lead you away from godliness.

Pursuing godliness will produce lasting happiness.

Does God Want Me To Be Holy or Happy?

The Bible says to Delight:

“Delight yourself in the Lord” (**Psalm 37:4**)

“Be glad in the Lord” (**Psalm 32:11**)

“Rejoice in the Lord” (**Philippians 3:1**)

“Rejoice always” (**1 Thessalonians 5:16**)

The Bible Also Says To Be Holy:

1 Peter 1:13–16 (CSB)

¹³Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance.

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

John 10:7-15 (CSB)

⁷Jesus said again, “Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.

⁹I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰**A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.**

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, since he is not the shepherd and doesn’t own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them.

¹³This happens because he is a hired hand and doesn’t care about the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep.

Would you say that Jesus lived life to the fullest?

Did Jesus live an abundant life on earth?

You will be most joyful when you are most like Jesus.

What Does It Mean If I’m Not Happy?

Are You Unhappy Because You Aren’t Pursuing Holiness?

Are You Unhappy Because Of A Difficult Situation In Life?

Are You Unhappy Because You Are Ungrateful?