



Lemoore church of Christ

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What is God's Plan for Happiness?

Happiness can be very difficult to describe for many. Though we desire to have happiness for ourselves, some search the world over, but are still unable to find happiness in life. Why is it that the multitudes do not find peace, tranquility and happiness? Could it be that they are seeking in all the wrong places, such as riches, fame and popularity? Each time these are obtained, they are found to be empty in regards to lasting happiness and real joy in life. We need to notice that these are the things of an outward nature, while we need to realize that God's formula for happiness comes from within our hearts. God does have a place by which all can find happiness, but He promises it from His perspective and not from our own.

How Can a Life Be Full of Happiness?

The keys for true happiness can be found in the thoroughly furnishing Scriptures given by God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). We receive happiness and peace in life by being sure our actions are in harmony with God's Word. With this said, let us notice six types of individuals who seek to find a happy life.

1. Some want to be in the family of God without being born again, which is an impossible way to happiness (John 3:3-5). Instead of being saved by faith only, Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). The inspired apostle Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Peter 1:22-23).

2. Some want to be happy without seeking the grace and peace from Jesus, which is only found in Him and His church (Philippians 1:2; 2 Timothy 2:1). We must focus our lives on forgiveness and hope if we are to find lasting happiness (2 Timothy 1:1-2).

3. Some want happiness without being thankful, for the gracious blessings of salvation, the talents given to us to use and the church built and purchased by Jesus (Ephesians 1:3; Romans 1:21-22; Philippians 1:3-5).

4. Among others things, people are privileged souls, who many times will not and do not submit to the Master of life, Jesus Christ (Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-29).

5. These, who attempt to find happiness, refuse to live a humble and faithful life, following the attitude and mind of Jesus (Philippians 2:5). They think too highly of themselves and their importance, to bow their knee in confession to the King of kings and the Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15). Such an attitude makes folks miserable as they wallow in their self-pity.

6. Many think they will find happiness in always complaining and murmuring at the providence of God (Philippians 2:12-14). These hold grudges against their fellow-man and are upset by every small thing that happens to them. This attitude is guaranteed to bring misery, not happiness (Philippian 4:6-7).

God has assured us that if we seek in the right way, happiness will be found. This happiness will not be in the form of money, cars and homes. The happiness that God provides is found when we bring ourselves in harmony with His word. Let us all follow His word as it guides us through life and leads us to a home in Heaven with our Creator.

Five Minutes with God: This week:

Sunday	Day 166	John 7:40-44
Monday	Day 167	John 7:45-52
Tuesday	Day 168	John 8:2-11
Wednesday	Day 169	John 8:12-20
Thursday	Day 170	John 8:21-30
Friday	Day 171	John 8:31-36
Saturday	Day 172	John 8:37-47

Prayer List:

Kim Cargill, Stephanie Tischmacher's stepmom recovering from cancer surgery.

Red and Marjory Cooper

Lena Jones from Hanford, is doing better and is home with Barbara.

Gary Cole as he faces ongoing medical issues.

Richard Hunsberger, Stephanie Tischmacher's step-dad, is now home.

Bodie, friend of Bailey Radcliff, diagnosed with 2 brain tumors.

Rita Frankmore is recovering at home

Wayne Bergeron, friend of Lisa Butts, has begun both chemo and radiation. It is making him very ill.

Meryl Wamhoff, friend of Lisa Butts, has his 4th and reconstruction surgery tomorrow (6-15). They are still working on rebuilding his face.

Gary Radcliff, Garth's father, may have radiation again in the future.

Marlon Raygoza that he gets the supervision he needs.

Linda Frye, Cancer

Bill Fox, co-worker of Frank Baldwin, blood clots in his legs but has returned to work.

Angie and Tito Cano- on maintenance meds

Alexis Raygoza recovering from health issues.

Bart Massey, friend of Dixie Blair, stomach cancer

Casey Case Jr ongoing oncology treatment

Our Mission Work:

- First Responders
- Preachers in Nicaragua
- Agape Village
- Crossover Ministry
- City of Children
- Manuelito's Children's Home
- Church of Christ Disaster relief Fund
- World Christian Broadcasting