

## Doesn't God want me to be happy?

A lot of people disagree with Evangelical Christians and some of the teachings of the Bible from the understanding that what God wants for each of us is to be happy.

1. What do we usually mean by happy?

Genesis **30:13**

Psalm **144:11-15**

Ecclesiastes **2:10-11**

Psalm **127:4-5**

Proverbs **14:21**

Psalm **73:3-7**

Generally when we speak of being happy, we are speaking of having those things that we desire. For some, it is a family and children. For others it is friends. For others it is fame or riches. Most of us view being happy as being in a state where there is not conflict and we have those things that we desire.

2. Where does our pursuit of our happiness lead?

Jeremiah **12:1-3**

Psalm **73:16-20**

Malachi **3:14-15**

Revelation **18:7-8**

The scriptures explain that when we pursue happiness according to our flesh oriented definition of happiness, that the end thereof is death or separation from God. The pursuit of our treasures our way, will ALWAYS lead us away from God, unless we change our treasures and our ways of obtaining them.

3. What does God mean by being happy?

Deuteronomy **33:27-29**

Psalm **128:1-2**;

John **13:13-17**

1 Peter **3:14-15**

Psalm **37:4-5**

Job **5:17-19**

Proverbs **28:13-14**

James **5:9-11**

1 Peter **4:14**

Philippians **4:11-13**

God defines happiness as being content and happy in HIM and with HIM. It is God and Christ focused and not status nor possession focused. If we find that we are NOT happy, then that means we are not pursuing the things that God desires of us. If God is our deepest desire than just the knowledge that we are His is enough for us and we will seek after God and God's desires and thus our greatest desires will be satisfied for they are God Himself.

4. What do I need to do in order to be happy God's way?

Psalm **146:5-6**

Proverbs **29:18**

Hebrews **13:5-6**

Hebrews **7:19**

Romans **14:7-8**

Proverbs **16:20**

1 Timothy **6:6-9**

Psalm **69:16-19**

James **4:7-10**

Galatians **2:20**

In order to be happy God's way, we need to continually seek to draw closer to God. This is accomplished through prayer and reading the scriptures and in the fellowship of the brethren. As we seek to know God and to know Him more passionately, we cannot help but have the deepest desires of our heart and thus be truly happy.