## Questions... Doesn't God Want Us To Always Be Happy?

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Psalm 97:12 - May all who are godly **be happy** in the Lord and crown him, our holy God. (TLB)

## MAN'S HAPPINESS LOGIC

| I. BECAUSE I THINK GOD WANT                                  | IS ME TO BE HAPPY                               |             |
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| A. Whatever makes me happy r<br>when I know it is wrong.     | must be   | even_       |
| B. Whatever makes me unhapp<br>even when I know it is right. | y must be                                       |             |
| C. Discomfort, delay, risk, suffe<br>will.                   | ering, inconvenience, or obstaclo               | es can't be |
| D. I begin to<br>money, pleasure, and belonging              | the false gods of comi<br>s without knowing it. | fort,       |

## **GOD'S HAPPINESS LOGIC**

| 2. GOD DOES NOT WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY   |
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| A. When it causes you to do something or  1 Peter 1:15-16 - But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;  16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."  |
| B. When it is only based on things of the  |
| The world's formula for happiness:   |
| Better possessions + peaceful circumstances + thrilling experiences + the right relationships + the perfect appearance =   |
| 1 John 2:15-17 - Do not <u>love the world</u> or <u>anything in the world</u> . If anyone loves the world, the <u>love of the Father is not in him</u> . <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world — the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does — comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the <u>man who does the will of God lives</u> <u>forever</u> . |
| 3. GOD WANTS YOU TO BE   |
| A. Happiness is based on happenings.   |
| B. A Blessed life is based on His goodness and His presence.   |

John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Psalm 37:4 - **<u>Delight</u>** yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 97:12 - Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.