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**Experience making God happy**

**Monday**

Read Ephesians 5:10, 2 Timothy 2:4, Jeremiah 17:7

* *Making God happy, makes you happy.* ***Memorize*** *these scriptures and also find other scriptures that help you understand what makes God happy. Remember that when the Bible refers to God’s ‘will’ it is referring to what makes Him happy.*

**Tuesday**

Read Matthew 5:3-4

* *It makes God happy for you to be God-significant, not self-significant (poor in spirit). It also makes God happy for you repent (mourn) of the other things you love so much.* ***Look for other scriptures*** *that support trusting in God and repentance. If you don’t know where to start, ask a godly friend to help you.*

**Wednesday**

Read Matthew 5:5-6

* *It makes God happy for you to find your strength in God (meek). It also makes God happy for you to be free from condemnation and guilt (hunger and thirst for righteousness).* ***Look for other scriptures*** *that support finding your strength in God and God’s free righteousness.*

**Thursday**

Read Matthew 5:7-8

* *It makes God happy for you to pray for God to give people a fresh start (merciful). It also makes God happy for you to have one single love for God (pure).* ***Look for other scriptures*** *that support letting people have a fresh start and having a heart that is totally captured by God.*

**Friday**

Read Matthew 5:9-10

* *It makes God happy for you to tell other’s about God’s terms of peace with them (peacemakers). It also makes God happy for you to not give up with you have tough times and are persecuted because you are a Christian.* ***Look for other scriptures*** *that support telling people about who Jesus is and staying faithful to God during tough times in our lives.*

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If you are a disciple of Jesus, fully devoted to Jesus…(great descriptions of what a Christian is), your goal in life is to make God happy and get His attention.

Think of it this way. If there is an idol you love, you do everything in your power to make it happy, because when your idol is happy, you are happy.

Without realizing it I am constantly trying to get ‘man’s’ attention. It brings temporary happiness and excitement when I do. However, I should pursue getting God’s attention and when I do, I am extremely happy.

Ephesians 5:10… find out what pleases the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

BTY…To say something or someone pleases you is to say that they make you happy. I want to find out what makes God happy and do it. So anywhere the Bible talks about doing God’s will, it is referring to that which makes God happy. **His pleasure then flows over onto us and we are 'blessed' or made happy ourselves.**

Look at one of tons of examples in the Bible:

Jeremiah 17:7

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.”

Matthew 5 shows us this dynamic also. Do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing, it will make God happy and His joy in the form of blessings will flow over onto you.

Attitude/action —> God is pleased/happy —> His joy spills over on you (blessing)

Matthew 5

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

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“Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions - AMPC) are the poor in spirit,

    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4

Blessed are those who mourn,

    for they will be comforted.

5

Blessed are the meek,

    for they will inherit the earth.

6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

    for they will be filled.

7

Blessed are the merciful,

    for they will be shown mercy.

8

Blessed are the pure in heart,

    for they will see God.

9

Blessed are the peacemakers,

    for they will be called children of God.

10

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

    for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Poor in spirit

* helpless as a beggar, therefore completely reliant on God
* Rate them-**selves** as insignificant, and therefore, God as significant
* Their blessing? The kingdom of heaven: the sovereignty of God shows up —> God starts interfering with evil events.
* Reverse engineer: I rating my-**self** as insignificant and God as significant and put all my trust and dependance on Him. This makes God happy. His joy overflows and spills onto me and I am blessed with God’s sovereign in and around me.

Mourn

* Tears that cleanse, tears of repentance
* I stand before the cross where all the goodness of God hangs there for me and I start dropping all those things that I love so much.
* My blessing? comfort coming from forgiveness, peace and pardon. Encouragement, hope, strength
* I repent, God is happy, God’s joy spills over onto me in the form of comfort, encouragement, hope and strength!

Meek

* exercising God’s strength under His control - God strong with Godly gentleness, demonstrating power without harshness
* Find your strength in the Lord…stop looking for strength in yourself and start ‘finding’ your strength in God.
* My blessing? I will inherit what God has promised me. I will appropriate what I was born to achieve.
* I use God’s strength and power under his control which makes God happy. His joy spills over onto me and I start achieving all the things God planned for me…my inheritance.

Hunger and thirst for righteousness

* Value the heavenly things over the earthly. Being more interested in the prosperity of the soul than the prosperity of your life.
* Righteousness, approval of God and the silencing of your condemning past (a free gift by faith)
* You chase after heavenly righteousness instead of earthly things, God is happy, His joy spills over onto you in the form of satisfaction (greek - ‘fatness’)

3 John 2 New International Version (NIV)

2 Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

Merciful

* How do you pray for someone who keep tripping over and over again? Pray that God mercifully justifies them and stands them back up again

Romans 3:26 New International Version (NIV)

26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

How do you pray powerfully for the one who does not have faith in Jesus?

God forgive them of their sin.

Acts 5:31 New International Version (NIV)

31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

* Acting and praying this way makes God happy and He will justify you each time you fall as well.

Pure in heart

* clean, unmixed, free from other, imperfect loves - progressively removing the love of idols from our heart
* “one thing”

Psalm 27:4 King James Version (KJV)

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after

Peacemakers

* bravely declares God’s terms of peace which makes someone whole; Jesus has given us peace with God through His death, and through this act of reconciliation, we finally experience peace. Passing this truth onto the world is being a peacemaker. - telling people about Gods terms of peace with the world

Penn & Teller

persecuted because of righteousness

* wronged because you are doing right

blessing comes from the overflow of Gods joy with us. Above are the ways we make God happy which overflows to our blessing - the kingdom and sovereignty of God is ours.

Blessing - happens with receiving (obeying) the Lord’s inbirthings of faith

faith and blessings are closely associated.

Make Jesus happy making HIS blessings overflow to us from Him.

We trust in Him

We seek only blessings that come from Him

We give our attention to Him and seek only His attention.

we don’t seek peoples attention or admiration but rather seek to love them.