

LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE

MESSAGE NOTES

GOD JUST WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY

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3 LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE WHEN SEEKING HAPPINESS:

- **God loves me; therefore He wants me to do what makes me feel good.**
Romans 8:35-37
- **I know what I'm doing is sinful, but God is OK with it because it makes me happy.**
Romans 6:1-4
- **I haven't had any negative consequences, so God must approve.**
Galatians 6:7-8

The God's Honest Truth:

GOD IS MORE FOCUSED ON MY _____ THAN MY _____.

(Jesus) *"If you love Me, keep My commandments."* – John 14:15

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." – Psalm 1:1-3

Memory Verse:

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" – Philippians 4:4 (NLT)

5 CHOICES I MAKE TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE LORD:

1. **I RECOGNIZE THAT MY JOY IS GROWN BY THE _____.**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy... Against such there is no law."
– Galatians 5:22-23

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."
– Romans 8:28

2. I TRUST THAT MY JOY _____, NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO ME.

“...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
– Matthew 28:20

“...For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”
– Hebrews 13:5

3. I DECIDE TO _____ OF MY CONCERNS ABOUT _____.

- **PAST CONCERNS** = _____.

“...one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 3:13-14

- **FUTURE CONCERNS** = _____.

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.” – Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

4. I INTENTIONALLY _____.

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”
– Philippians 4:8

5. I SEEK _____, NO MATTER WHAT.

“Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
– Philippians 4:11-13 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Philippians 4:4.
- Ask God to help me release my regrets and exchange my worries.
- Intentionally focus my attention on what is good this week.
- Pray that the Lord will help me find contentment, regardless of my circumstances.

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“LIES SMART PEOPLE BELIEVE...”
God Doesn’t Care about the Small Things