

Things God Never Said

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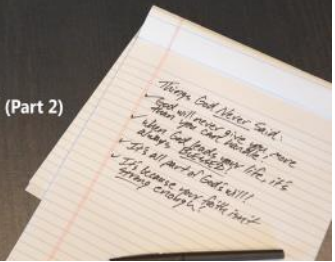
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“God Wants Me To Be Happy”

May all who are godly be “happy”... **Psalms 97:12 (TLB)**

The Theology of Happiness: *God’s ultimate goal is “He wants me to be happy”.*

- Whatever makes me happy is right and what makes me unhappy is wrong.
- Any discomfort, delay, risk, suffering, and hard times can't possibly be God's will.
- I should have all the comfort, money, pleasure and things that I want.
- The Theology of Happiness; “Then God exists to serve me”.

*For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. **Colossians 1:16 (NIV)***

God never said to pursue happiness; He told us to pursue Him.

Why God tells us to pursue Him over happiness

1. It protects me from making unwise, wrong, sinful choices.

*There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Even in laughter the heart may ache, and rejoicing may end in grief. **Proverbs 14:12-13***

*“But just as He who called you is **holy**, so be **holy** in all you do;” **1 Peter 1:15 NIV***

2. It protects me from falling in love with **false** temporary **gods**.

*Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. **1 Jn. 2:15-17 (NIV)***

3. It leads me to a life **blessed** by **His presence**.

*I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33 (NLT)***

*Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires. **Psalms 37:4 (NLT)***

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6:33 (NLT)***

4. It keeps me focused; this is not **home**.

*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. **1 John 2:17 (NIV)***

*May all who are godly be HAPPY in the LORD and praise his holy name! **Psalms 97:12***

Going deeper on your own. Have you ever heard someone say, “God wants you to be happy”? What was the context and why did they say it? Thinking back, were they accurate? When was the last time you made a decision striving for happiness but, after it was all over, it did not work out? Why do you think that is? What is the difference between a happy life and a blessed life? Can you be happy and not blessed? Can you be blessed and not happy? In Matthew 5 Jesus lays out the things we can actually do to experience a truly blessed life. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Now, go do at least five of the things he outlines for us. Write me at jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story.