



PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY
IN SEARCH OF HAPPINESS

I cannot tell you the number of people that I have come in contact with during my 45 years of ministry that have made the statement “**I Just Want To Find Happiness**”. It seems that “**Finding Happiness**” is a search that the majority of people are on. Sadly, many seem to have given up on that search. Way too often, many well meaning and strong minded individuals are discouraged because they think that **True “Happiness”** is simply an illusion. The fact is, If **True “Happiness”** is sought outside the realm of God’s Love, then it is an illusion. Actually, our Lord Himself gave us three avenues in which we can find victory in our search for any positive Godly trait we seek.

Matt 7:7 NIV

“ASK and it will be given to you; SEEK and you will find; KNOCK and the door will be opened to you.

So Jesus points us to a door, and gives us instructions as to how the door opens.

ASK - SEEK - KNOCK

But, there is something you must understand before you set in motion the opening of that door. Behind the same door that leads to your True “**Happiness**” or any other sought Godly trait, you will also find lurking in the shadows, the ever present enemy of “**Happiness**” - “**Persecution**”. “**Happiness**” is a gift from God to His children. “**Persecution**” is a vile assault from Satan against God’s children. So, with the opening of the door that leads to your True “**Happiness**” - just know that “**Persecution**” is ever present. Actually, in knowing “**THAT fact**” you need to understand “**THIS truth**”. **Persecution** was a part of every phase of Jesus’ Life, yet He lived it to the Fullest.

“ His Birth ”	With the threat of death -	He came anyway.
“ His Life ”	In a hating world -	He Loved, Healed and Forgave.
“ His Death ”	Though guilt free -	He paid for all man’s sins.
“ His Resurrection ”	He overcame death for human happiness.	
“ His Ascension ”	His human life fulfilled -	But, He promised to return.

If that promise doesn’t make you happy, then you just haven’t walked through that door. True Human “**Happiness**” can only be found through fellowship with Jesus Christ and His promises. Without the walk with Jesus, we cannot be happy with each other. If you are not happy with your fellow Christians, then you’re definitely not happy in the world. True Human “**Happiness**” is only found in the realm of Christian Service. Christian Service **begins** in the Fellowship of the Body of Christ. You have to be Present for the Body to be Whole. True “**Happiness**” is not found in incompleteness.

Be Happy - Complete Your Family.

Your Pastor Loves You.

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