

“But God Wants Me to Be Happy”

Prov. 29:18

Introduction

- I. God truly does want all of us to be “happy.”
- II. However, many have taken it upon themselves to determine how that happiness is achieved.
- III. True happiness is found in knowing God's Word and obeying It.

Discussion

- I. When man's way to happiness is in contrast to God's way to happiness.
 - A. Men try to find happiness by breaking free from God's ways (Psm. 2:1-4).
 - B. Many look for happiness through sinful actions (cf. Heb. 11:24-26).
 1. We must remember that what we think is best is not always the case (Isa. 55:8-9; Luke 19:11-27; cf. Matt. 15:1-9).
 2. Unfortunately, many think that money can buy happiness, but that is not true (James 5:1-5).
- II. God's way to happiness has been shown.
 - A. The entirety of the beatitudes show how man should find happiness (Matt. 5:1-12).
 - B. Serving brings happiness (John 13: 2-17).
 - C. Steadfastness leads to happiness (James 5:11).
 - D. Helping the poor provides happiness (Prov. 14:21).
 - E. Obtaining wisdom and understanding is a source of happiness (Prov. 3:13)
 - F. Keeping the Word of God and being God's people supply happiness (Prov. 29:18; Psm. 144:15).
 - G. God's way to happiness involves denying self, obeying God's Word, and serving and helping others.

Conclusion

- I. Sadly, many have deceived themselves into believing that if they feel happy doing something that God will automatically approve of and tolerate such.
- II. Let us seek what makes God happy because in so doing, we will find our own happiness.