

Looking for **HAPPINESS** in all the **WRONG PLACES**

As humans, we seek to be joyful, happy, and fulfilled in our lives. But we run into problems when we try to make things our source that were never meant to fulfill that role. God is our true source. We take joy in Him—not our “stuff.” It is not bad to find joy in a loved one or a possession, but we must recognize that the source of all things is God—not those possessions.

Scripture reference: Philippians 4:4

So what tries to steal our fulfillment in Christ?

Money

We sometimes think, “if I just had enough money, I would be fulfilled.” But God is the source of fulfillment, not money.

People

Ask yourself: am I putting expectations on people that only God can fulfill? When we do that, we will always be disappointed.

Reputation

What God thinks of us is so much more important than what people think of us. When we know that, it doesn't matter if someone dislikes us!

Achievements

Even people who seem to have it all are empty without Jesus.

Whether you have that accomplishment or not, your worth is in Christ alone!



Careers

God uses our jobs as a means to provide for us. As much as we want to be diligent and successful, we can't let a career take precedence over God.

Possessions

Our identity is not based in our cars, clothes, or houses, but in our God. He has unlimited riches and gives unlimitedly to those who find their source in Him!

Social Media Following

Our worth is not in how many people like our photo on Instagram. People are fickle, but God is faithful!

Sin

When we disobey, we are saying that sin will give us more fulfillment than God. Jesus died for our sins; let's die to them, too!

When we don't get fulfillment from these things, we are more prone to sin. Counter the attacks of the enemy with prayer! Resist the devil, and he will flee!

We were never meant to live without God as our source. Sometimes, God will delay what we want so we won't fill that void with anything but Him. Here's the great secret: if you give away everything to follow Jesus, you will actually get everything back with 100 times increase! God is our source!

Scripture references: 2 Timothy 1:9 NLT; Mark 10:17-31; Psalm 27:1-8