



Week 1  
**Happiness**

- Happiness is the #1 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The happiness theology makes \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.
- If God desires for us to be happy and we are not, then God \_\_\_\_\_.

II Timothy 4:3-5

*For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.*

1. God values \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

I Peter 1:15

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;*

- God never calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ for happiness.

Romans 6:1

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?*

- At its core, the pursuit of happiness is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The pursuit of happiness has led to a culture of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our happiness is never the \_\_\_\_\_ in God's economy.

Satan always offers instant pleasure for long-term pain.

2. God offers \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

*When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future.*

- A. Joy is not based on what's going on \_\_\_\_\_ us but what is going on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Philippians 4:12-13

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

- B. Joy is not the absence of \_\_\_\_\_ but the addition of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ enters when we have devoted our lives to something greater than our personal happiness.
- D. Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:4

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

- E. Joy is a byproduct of the firm belief that no situation is \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 12:12

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

- F. Joy comes from the belief that God always has a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 5:3

*Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;*

- G. Joy comes from a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Psalms 112:1

*Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.*

Psalms 37:4

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

- H. Joy comes from having the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 5:1-11)