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The Search For Happiness

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Happiness:

Luke 12:15

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Significance:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

Love:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails.

1 John 4:8 God is love.

When our purpose becomes about us, it is too small.

When our pursuit of love is about us, it's not love.

When our significance is based on others or accomplishments, we will never be secure in our value.

When our happiness is determined by possessions or money, we will always want and need more.

Philippians 2:13 it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

What if we are really searching for God?

When we find God, we find love, we find significance, we find purpose and we find happiness. All of the longings of our heart are found in relationship with God!

Proverbs 8:35 Those who find me find life.

Blessed vs. Happy

A self-contained happiness.

A happiness that is independent of our circumstances.

A happiness not influenced by external factors.

An internal disposition resulting from a healthy & conscious relationship with God.

True satisfaction in life is found at the end of ourselves and the beginning of God.

Luke 9:24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

John 6:57 The one who feeds on me will live.

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.