**HOW TO BE HAPPY**

**Psalms 45:7**

**Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.**

**INTRO:**

**Proverbs 10:28 The hope of the righteous *shall be* gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.**

**Acts 2:28 [Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Acts-2-28/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20translations%20of%20Acts%202%3A28)**

**\*\*Our text in Psalms 45:7 says to love righteousness and hate wickedness and God will make you glad – God will make you happy!**

**\*\*Proverbs 10:28 says the hope for us that are saved is there will be gladness (happiness).**

**\*\*Acts 2:28 says that when we trust the Lord as our Savior, He lets us know the ways of life and that causes us to be full of joy!**

**\*\*So let me tell you how to be happy!**

**1. Happy is the man who has a Christ!**

**\*\*True happiness comes from knowing the Lord!**

**2. Happy is the man who has a Church!**

**\*\*A church with the Lord in it is full of joy and will make us happy, but a church where there’s strife, Satan, sourpusses and no Savior will never have happiness! Let’s keep God here!**

**3. Happy is the man who has a Commitment!**

**\*\*That’s having a faith and a commitment to Christ, to the church, to the covenant, and to the commandments of God.**

**4. Happy is the man who has a Copy!**

**\*\*You can be happy if you live it, love it, and be loyal to it!**

**5. Happy is the man who has a Confidence!**

**\*\*In other words, you trust the Lord. Have you put your confidence in the Lord? You’ll be happy when you do!**

**\*\*These are the ways of life that makes you happy and others happy!!**

**\*\*Before we get into the main part of the message, notice Acts 2:28b one more time.**

**Acts 2:28b thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

* **28a says He has already made me know the ways of life, but 28b says he will (or shall) make me full of joy.**
* **This indicates that before he make me full of joy something else has to happen! Read it again!**
* **Notice the prepositional phrase, “with thy countenance.”**

**a. That’s very important!**

**b. That says we cannot be made full of joy unless we see the countenance of the Lord.**

**c. Countenance means the appearance – usually the face!**

**d. “thou shalt make me full of joy with thy . . . appearance!**

**e. thou shalt make me full of joy with thy . . . face!**

**\*\*Do you get it?**

**\*\*That says if we’re going to get filled with joy, we have got to see His appearance (His face) in our Commitment . . . in our Copy . . . in our Confidence (our trust) . . . in our Church!!**

**\*\*In other words, when He appears . . . when He shows up . . . when His face is revealed , then shall we be happy!!**

**\*\*Pray these things from your heart and you’ll be happy!**

**I. LORD MAKE ME USABLE AND I’LL BE HAPPY**

**Isaiah 6:5-8 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**

**\*\*We are all unclean, undone, and unfit, but then when we get a good look at the King and He touches us and takes away the impurities in our life, He can make us usable and happy!!**

 **A. Enlist Me**

 **1. Lord, enlist me for a Purpose!**

**\*\*Let me be a Warrior, a Witness, and a Winner!**

 **2. Lord, enlist me for a Plan!**

**\*\*I depended on Him to order my Salvation, and now I depend on Him to order my Steps!**

 **3. Lord, enlist me for a People!**

**\*\*I trust the Lord to place me with people where I can offer Help, offer Hope, and offer Him! – Little people, Lost people, Lonely people, Loving people, Loveless people, and Longing people!**

**\*\*When God enlists me into His work, it makes me happy to serve Him!**

 **B. Empty Me**

 **1. Take away my Perversions.**

**\*\*Make my heart clean!**

 **2. Take away my Pride.**

**\*\*Pride leads to destruction, so I ask the Lord to take away any pride that would keep me from His will.**

 **3. Take away my Pettiness.**

**\*\*Lord take away anything that I make so important that is so unimportant to you!**

 **4. Take away my Plans.**

**\*\*If my plans are not His plan, then I don’t need my plans!**

 **5. Take away my Programs.**

**\*\*Sometimes we are guilty of taking God’s program and rearranging it to make it our program – but God doesn’t want us to change the program!**

 **C. Equip Me**

 **1. With Armor**

**a. Our Shield (the shield of Faith)**

**b. Our Sword (the word of God)**

**c. Our Strength (the girdle of Truth)**

**d. Our Shoes (shod our feet with the Gospel)**

**e. Our Salvation (the helmet of Salvation)**

**f. Our Surety (the breastplate of Righteousness)**

 **2. With Authority**

**\*\*I need Power with God before I have the Power of God!!**

 **3. With Ability**

**\*\*They put armor on little David, and they gave him the authority to face the giant, but he did not have any ability to use their armor or arms! But he sure did know how to use a sling shot!! Use what you know to use!!**

**\*\*Lord let me see you and make me Usable!!**

**II. LORD MAKE ME UNDERSTAND AND I’LL BE HAPPY**

 **A. Make Me Understand Your Word**

**Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**

**\*\*When you see Jesus in the Word of God it becomes Real, Rewarding, Reality, Redeeming, Remarkable, Renewed, Revival!!!**

 **B. Make Me Understand Your Will**

**Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.**

**Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**

 **1. Study the Will of God (How?)**

 **a. Study the Saints (get Counsel)**

 **b. Study the Scriptures (get Confirmation)**

 **2. Submit to the Will of God**

 **a. Speak when He says speak**

 **b. Stop when He says stop**

 **c. Step when He says step**

**\*\*The key is do it when He says it, not when you think it!**

 **C. Make Me Understand Your Wisdom**

**James 1:5-6 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed**

 **1. Wisdom Strengthens (Stronger and Smarter)**

 **2. Wisdom Satisfies (Content and Calm)**

 **3. Wisdom Steadies (Established and Exceeded)**

**\*\* Acknowledge and Ask for Wisdom!**

**\*\* Lord let me see you and make me Understand!**

**III. LORD MAKE ME UNAFRAID AND I’LL BE HAPPY**

**Psalms 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.**

 **A. Because of His Presence I’m Unafraid**

**Matthew 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

 **1. When Jesus appears in the Storms, I’m unafraid.**

 **2. When Jesus appears in the Sorrows, I’m unafraid.**

 **3. When Jesus appears in the Suffering, I’m unafraid.**

 **B. Because of His Promises I’m Unafraid**

**Psalms 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.**

 **1. His promises causes me to feel Protected!**

 **2. His promises causes me to feel Peace!**

 **C. Because of His Providence I’m Unafraid**

**\*\*He knows how to take care of us!**

**\*\*I trust Him with my Family, my Finances, and my Future!!**

 **D. Because of His Power I’m Unafraid**

 **1. He has the power over Sin!**

 **2. He has the power over Satan!**

 **3. He has the power over Sickness!**

 **4. He has the power over Sepulchres**

 **5. He has the power of Salvation!**

**\*\*So when He appears in your life and you trust Him, what have you got to be afraid of? Not one thing!!**

**\*\*I’m convinced that we are happy when we are unafraid, and God knows how to do both for us!**

**CLOSE**

**1. I’m glad that when God appears in our lives, He makes us Usable . . . He makes us Understand . . . He makes us Unafraid!!**

**2. The best part is that when He makes us Usable, He also makes us happy!**

**3. When He makes us Understand, He also makes us happy!**

**4. When He makes us Unafraid, He also makes us happy!**

**5. In other words I’m happy to be Used . . . I’m happy when I Understand . . . and I’m happy when I’m Unafraid!!**

**6. Maybe you need to come to this altar and pray today, “Lord appear in my life and make me usable, understanding, and unafraid and make me happy!!”**

**7. You can have this gladness today . . . just ask Him to appear in your life!!**

**8. So many people today are unhappy and unsatisfied, and they wonder why. The problem is they turn to wickedness and hate righteousness. Our Bible tell us to that when we love righteousness and hate wickedness God anoints us with the oil of gladness. Anyone can find this happiness today!**