

HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY IN LIFE
LEARN HOW TO BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT

I. YOU CAN BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU LOOK AT EVERY PROBLEM FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT.

Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (NKJV)

II. YOU CAN BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU NEVER LET OTHERS CONTROL YOUR ATTITUDE.

III. YOU CAN BE HAPPY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU ALWAYS TRUST GOD TO WORK THINGS OUT.

A. Don't try to work things out by yourself.

B. This is the faith factor.

1. You let God help put them back together.

2. When you're going through a problem, you've got two options. You can worship or you can worry.

3. If you worshiped more, you'd have a whole lot less to worry about.

4. You can pray or you can panic.

C. Say to yourself, "I am going to keep going on. That's an act of the will."

1. It is your choice to rejoice.

D. Four sources of strength in tough times from:

Phil. 1:19, "I am going to keep on being glad, for I know that as you pray for me, and as the Holy Spirit helps me, this is all going to turn out for my good." (TLB)

1. God's perspective on your problems

2. People praying for you

3. The Holy Spirit helping you

4. Faith that you expect things to work out for good

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IV. STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR PURPOSE, NOT ON YOUR PROBLEM.

A. Happiness hint: You cannot control what other people do to you. You cannot control what other people do around you, but you can control how you respond.

1. In order to stay happy in life you must stay focused on your purpose.

2. How do you serve God on earth? The way you can serve God on earth is by serving other people in Jesus' name. Matt. 25:40

B. What is the real secret to being happy in life?

1. The reason why most people are miserable is because they think that happiness comes from self-gratification.

2. The way to happiness is self-sacrifice.

3. Happiness comes from service to others.

C. Paul sums up his purpose in verse 21, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

FOR YOU TO LIVE IS _____

How you fill in that blank will determine how happy you are in life.