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Part 1: God Wants You To Be Happy
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Psalm 97:12

May all who are godly be happy...

God wants you happy is a cultural misbelief

1. **Whatever makes me happy must be _____.**
Whatever makes me unhappy must be _____.
2. **Discomfort, delay, risk, suffering, inconveniences and obstacles can't be _____ will.**
3. **Without knowing it, I begin to _____ the false god's of comfort, money, pleasure and things.**

**God does not exist to serve us
We exist to serve God**

God doesn't want you happy when ...

1. **It causes you to do something _____ or _____.**

1Peter 1:15

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

2. **When it's only based on things of this _____.**

**Better possessions + peaceful circumstances + thrilling experiences +
the right relationships + perfect appearances = happiness**

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

Psalm 37:4

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

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Good people, be happy in the LORD! Praise his holy name!

BLANKS: RIGHT,WRONG,GOD'S,WORSHIP,WRONG,UNWISE,WORLD

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1. BE HONEST ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE IN THIS

You've already done this. Pastor Craig's message has resonated with you and you have identified with it in some ways. Maybe you have recognized that you are one who thinks along these lines – believing that God said "I want you to be happy." Let's start out by simply examining where we are in this.

2. BE OPEN TO EXAMINE NEW IDEAS

Some of the things we believe about God are just things we WANT to believe. Most of us would probably want to believe that God wants us happy. Initially hearing something different than what we want to hear, some of us will be tempted to just shut it out. We may say "No! That doesn't fit with what I have always believed or with who I want God to be!" The truth is that once we understand why happiness is not God's ultimate goal for us in life...it will actually lead to way more peace and contentment in life...but we need to stay open to learn these things.

**3. ASK YOURSELF – TO WHAT LENGTHS HAVE I GONE TO
REALLY KNOW GOD?**

A foundational idea behind this whole series is that we think we know something about God...and Pastor Craig is pointing out that, according to the Bible, some things that some of us think are actually wrong. His Word and His personal Spirit will reveal to us more and more who He really is. It is up to us to pursue that knowledge and more importantly that personal relationship.



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