



Introduction: We live in a day in which there is not black (false) and white (true). Most everything is evaluated on some shade of gray.

I. “As Long as You’re _____” (Psalm 97:12)

- A) If God wants me happy and I’m not then God _____.
 - 1. Relativism—assumption that there is no absolute truth.
 - 2. Subjectivism—I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.
- B) The pursuit of happiness seems right.

*“There is a way that seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.”*
(Proverbs 14:12 NKJV)
- C) God doesn’t want you happy . . .
 - 1. When it causes you to do something _____.

*“...but as He who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct,”*
(1 Peter 1:15 NKJV)
 - 2. When it is based on _____ in this world.

*“Do not love the world or the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh,
the lust of the eyes,
and the pride of life—
is not of the Father but is of the world.
And the world is passing away,
and the lust of it;
but he who does the will of God abides forever.”*
(1 John 2:15-17 NKJV)
 - 3. God wants you _____.

*“Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
Who delights greatly in His commandments.”*
(Psalms 112:1 NKJV)

*“Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.”*
(Psalms 97:12 NKJV)

Conclusion: God doesn’t want you to be happy if it means you are going to live in sin. What God wants most is to bless you within His loving will to have the best life now and an eternal life with Him in heaven.

“I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake. I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
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