

Be Happy

Zechariah 8:18-22

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- But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. (Ps. 68:3 NIV)
- I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. (Eccl. 3:12 NIV)
- Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil-- this is a gift of God. (Eccl. 5:19 NIV)

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- When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. (Eccl. 7:14 NIV)
- You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. (Eccl. 11:9 NIV)

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- This is what the LORD Almighty says: "The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months will become joyful and glad occasions and happy festivals for Judah. Therefore love truth and peace." (Zech. 8:19 NIV)
- By all this we are encouraged. In addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. (2 Cor. 7:13 NIV)

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- Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. (Jas. 5:13 NIV)
- How? - Psalms 1
- 2Peter 3:16
  - Distort, twist - misinterpret words to a false meaning

# The lies

- “You will not surely die”
- “Attack, the Lord will give it into your hands.”
  - Micaiah - 1Kings 22
- “I know the Lord just wants me to be happy.”

# What was Jesus talking about?

- Matthew 10:37-39
- Gethsemane
- Do your children live by this rule?
- Do you understand what idolatry is?
- “God wants me to be happy” = “God is not concerned about me following His will, He just wants me to do what I want to do.”
- I am the god.