



Happiness?

- ▶ Inner Peace
- ▶ Contentment
- ▶ Freedom from Worry
- ▶ Freedom from Constraint
- ▶ Joy



People Are Searching

- ▶ Alcohol, Drugs
- ▶ Work, Career
- ▶ Arts, Literature
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ Nature
- ▶ Social Causes
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Children
- ▶ Escapism



Searching for True Happiness

1. Right Thing

- Matthew 6:19-24
- Matthew 6:25-34
- James 5:1-3
- Proverbs 11:4
- Proverbs 23:4, 5
- Ecclesiastes 2:26



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1. Right Thing

Search for
Permanent, Eternal
Happiness



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2. Right Place


- Genesis 3:8
- Genesis 4:16
- Leviticus 22:3
- 1 Chronicles 16:11
- John 6:68



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3. Search Hard


- Colossians 3:1
- Philippians 4:13
- 1 Chronicles 16:11
- 1 Chronicles 10:13
- Psalm 27:4
- Psalm 34:10
- Matthew 6:11
- Acts 17:26-28



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3. Search Hard

Seek His Presence

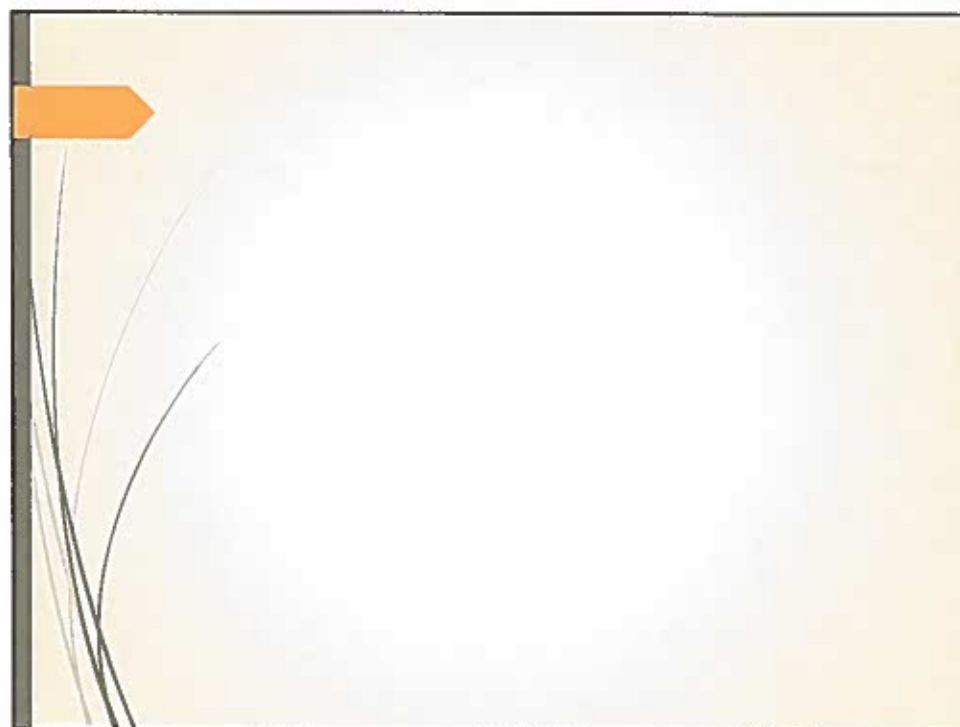
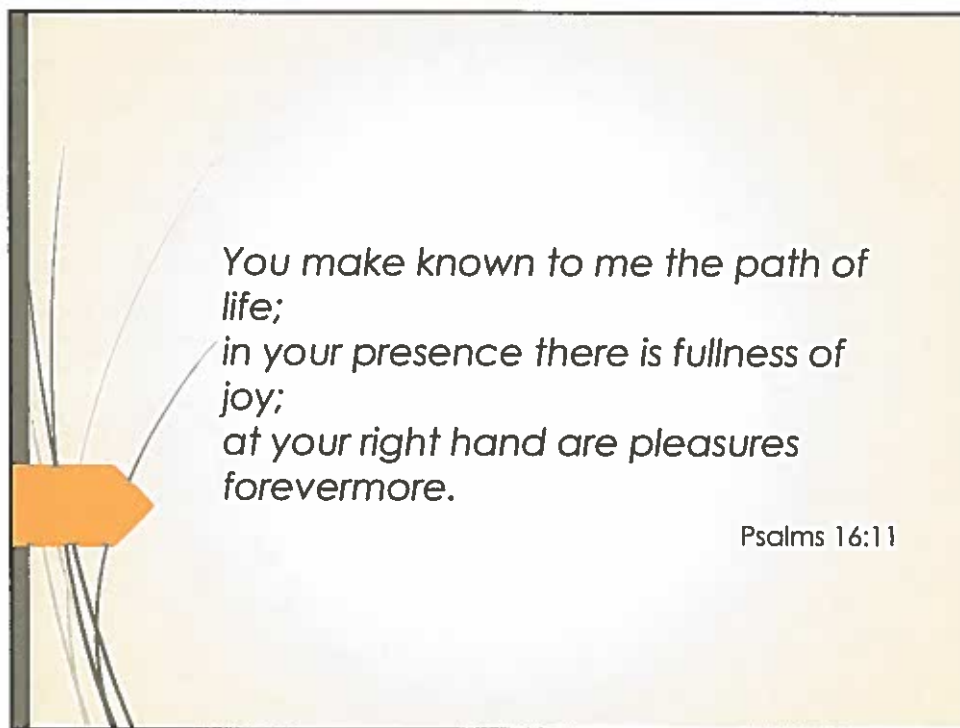


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When We Search for The Right Thing in the Right Place, in the Right Way, Great Things Happen

- ▶ Our Perspective Changes
- ▶ Our Goal Changes
- ▶ Our Environment Changes





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- Matthew 6:19–24 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.
- Matthew 6:25–34 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
- James 5:1–3 1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.
- Proverbs 11:4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- Proverbs 23:4 Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist.
- Proverbs 23:5 When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.
- Ecclesiastes 2:26 For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.
- Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God

among the trees of the garden.

- Genesis 4:16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
- Leviticus 22:3 Say to them, 'If any one of all your offspring throughout your generations approaches the holy things that the people of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from my presence: I am the LORD.
- 1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,
- Colossians 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!
- 1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the LORD in that he did not keep the command of the LORD, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance.
- Psalms 27:4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- Psalms 34:10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread,
- Acts 17:26-28 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for " 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, " 'For we are indeed his offspring.'