HAPPINESS

I cannot think of any word more oversold and misunderstood and misapplied to life. It seems that almost everyone is looking for it and few find it. One thing is possible, they are looking for it in the wrong place. You see, happiness does not come from possessions or relationships or people. It comes from within!

The word happy is used only 10 times in the American Standard Version of the Bible, and the word happiness is only used twice. So evidently God didn’t think too much of it in the first place.

For some reason human beings have really been sold on it. To many, according to the movies and such, happiness is love for life, which winds up being just a fantasy of emotions. So then people begin to want others. or what others do for them to make them happy.

The word “blessed” in scripture is sometimes translated happy. If you take the beatitudes and diligently apply them to one’s life, you would probably come closer than anyone else to being happy.

The word “blessed” is used 409 times in the Bible and the passage that comes closest to making people happy is found in Prov. 3:13 “Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding.” The one who finds wisdom will get understanding and understanding will come closer to happiness than anything I know.

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