

## THE SECRET TO LASTING HAPPINESS

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Lasting happiness isn't found in money, career success, beautiful homes, cool cars or any material things. Does that mean these things are wrong? Absolutely not! When you put God first He will actually give these things. Remember? *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”* (Matthew 6:33)

What's important is that you must never let anything God gives you rob Him of first place in your life. The Psalmist gives us a picture of what lasting happiness is; *“Happy is the man who delights in doing God's commands. His children shall be honored everywhere, for good men's sons have a special heritage. He himself shall be wealthy, and his good deeds will never be forgotten. When darkness overtakes him, light will come bursting in. He is kind and merciful—and all goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that God will take care of him. That is why he is not afraid, but can calmly face his foes. He gives generously to those in need. His deeds will never be forgotten. He shall have influence and honor.”* (Psalm 112:1-9 TLB)

Somebody said the best things in life aren't “things” at all. Happiness isn't determined by what you own, it lies in your relationships. And the first relationship you need is with God, because every blessing in life flows from Him. In a world of urgency and confusion, God will give you value and the priorities you need to live by. Just keep in mind this phrase: “Happy is the man who delights in doing God's commands.”