

The Pursuit of Happiness?

Psalm 128

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Take-Home Truth: God desires to bless His people. Receiving and living out God's blessings are fulfilled in obedience and through our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. ²You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD. ⁵May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. ⁶May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel. Psalm 128:1-6 (New International Version)

Happiness is Understanding the Blessing. (v.1)

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The fear of God is an attitude of trust **in** and a commitment **to** the God who loves us.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

I. Happiness is Receiving the Blessing. (vv.2-4)

You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. ³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.
Psalm 128:2-4 (NIV)

1. Work.
2. Marriage. (See also Proverbs 31)
3. Family.

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II. Happiness is Living Out and Giving Out the Blessing. (vv.5-6)

May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. ⁶May you live to see your children's children—peace be on Israel.
Psalm 128:5-6 (NIV)

(See also Matthew 5)

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 (NIV)