



Good News

From Around the Plant

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Ecclesiastes 3:12

¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.



UAW Chaplain Bob Rock presents Ashton Huff and her father a children's gift basket in the last Chaplain Giveaway. Ashton is the daughter of Danielle and Jason Huff.

Welcome to the New Year and this month's newsletter from the chaplains. Everyone knows the funny quotes we use to describe how we sometimes feel about happiness. Here are a few:

"Whoever says money can't buy happiness, doesn't know where to shop."

"Some cause happiness whenever they come; others, whenever they go."

"A man doesn't know what happiness is until he's married. By then it's too late."

C.S. Lewis, the famed Christian apologist and author, said, "There is a kind of happiness and wonder that makes you serious. It is too good to waste on jokes." The following quotes about happiness are more serious and more reflect the deep desires of our hearts.

"All that we call human history--money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery--[is] the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C. S. Lewis

"No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be." A. W. Tozar

Thousands of people in this world profess to be happy without God. But if we could be happy and moral without a relationship to God's Son, then why did He come to live among men? He came because that kind of happiness and peace is only superficial. The kinds of happiness we see today portrayed on T.V. and

movies and advertisements promise happiness and success all forget that a man or woman's empty soul can't be filled by external things to make it content.

We are designed with a great capacity for God but sin, our own individuality and wrong thinking keep us from getting to God. The nature of sin is not wrongdoing and immorality, but the nature of self-realization which leads us to say, "I choose what is right and wrong---I am my own god." This nature may exhibit itself in proper morality or in improper morality, but it always has a common foundation---my claim to my right to myself. When Jesus faced either people with all the forces of evil in them, or people who were clean-living, upright and moral, He paid no attention to the moral degradation of one, nor any attention to the moral attainment of the other. He looked at something we do not see, namely, the nature of man (John2:25).

Our Lord never puts personal holiness to the fore front when he calls you and I to discipleship; He puts absolute annihilation to my right to myself and identification with Himself----a relationship with Himself in which there is no other relationships (Luke 14:26). In a letter to the Galatian church the apostle Paul says, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives within me.(2:20). These words mean the breaking of my independence with my own hand and surrendering to the supremacy of Christ. The passion of Christianity is that I deliberately sign away my own rights and become a bond-slave of Jesus Christ. Until I do that, true happiness, contentment and joy will be a fleeting hope, always seeking but never attaining.

December's 'Stump the Chaplain' question was won by **John Keck**.
Congratulations John.

A collection is being taken for **Steph Mikula** through 1-21-11. Donations can be given to Paul Miller, Dan Graham or Bonnie Harbison in the Masonry department.

January's Question: What Bible character had 5 husbands? Call the Chaplain's hotline (2694) with the answer.

"Did not our heart burn within us?"(Luke 24:32)

"It is a dull, bald, dreary, commonplace day, with commonplace duties and people, that kills the burning heart unless we have learned the secret of abiding in Jesus." Oswald Chambers, My Utmost For His Highest.