

Living for God a Lifetime

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Psalm 128.

B. Blessed is “truly happy.”

C. You have in this text a truly happy person and his God, his work, his family and his ever-widening influence.

II. The focus for living. (Psalm 128:1)

A. It is what you do not see that gives focus to a life. This is the vanishing point.

B. The hidden life gives balance to all the rest.

C. The hidden life is fearing the Lord and walking in his ways. (Hebrews 4:13)

1. Fearing the Lord is having a profound awareness of Him. This is an awareness of His holiness, His presence and His judgment.

2. This kind of awareness will keep us from sin. (Genesis 39)

3. God does not mess with peripheries—He always goes to the heart.

D. Everything in life is centered upon Jesus Christ and His Word.

III. The truly happy person and work.

A. Most of the work in the world gets done by people who are tired or do not feel well.

B. Work is not a result of the fall—it is a gift from God.

C. The woman who fears the Lord shall be praised—“superwoman” is integrated and brought together in all she does by her fear of the Lord. (Proverbs 31)

IV. The truly happy person and family.

A. The wife is the heart of the home.

B. Husbands are commanded first to love their wives and wives to submit to their husbands. (Colossians)

C. Husbands must also bring up their children gently.

V. The truly happy person and the ever expanding spheres of a lifetime.

- A. The Lord blesses you “out from” where you come.
- B. The church is to take the good from the gathering into the world.
- C. We are to see the moral goodness of our city.
- D. The ripples of your influence extend not only to your children, but also to your grand children.

VI. Conclusion.

- A. Do not give up the fight—we have an enemy but God will have victory over him to save our children. (Isaiah 49:25)
- B. God is always faithful to his promises.
- C. God will keep your influence going long after you are gone.

Application questions

1. What characterizes the truly happy person?

2. What is the foundation block of the truly happy life?

3. Which area challenges you the most? How will you exercise greater stewardship here in the weeks to come?
