

## How To Find True Happiness

**Proverbs 10:28** (NCV) - A good person can look forward to happiness, but an evil person can expect nothing.

**Col. 1:16** (Msg) - For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him.

**Ephes. 1:11** (Msg) - It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

### **I. Thinking Like Jesus**

**Philip. 2:3-4** (Msg) - Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. <sup>4</sup>Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. The world of advertisement has gone to great extremes, and made great efforts to win our thoughts.

### The Truth Of The Matter

**John 8:32** (KJV) - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

#### Serving Others

**Luke 10:30-36** (NIV) – Page 1613

**Modern Samaritans - John 13:3-5** (NIV) – Page 1620

Related Passages: Matthew 20:26 and Luke 22:26-27

Jesus loved people and was kind compassionate and merciful.

### Jesus Made Time To Bless and Help Others

**Mark 5:35-36** (Msg) - While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "Don't listen to them; just trust me."

- **Jesus made time for little children.**

**Luke 18:15-16** (NLT) - One day some parents brought their little children to Jesus so he could touch them and bless them, but the disciples told them not to bother him. <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

- **Jesus was unselfishness and willing to make sacrifices for others.**

**Mark 8:31-33** (NIV) – Page 1567

- **Jesus wanted to do the will of his Father.**

**Psalms 119:35** (NLT) - Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.

- **Jesus helped people find happiness and fulfillment.**
- Example of the Samaritan woman.

**John 4:7-13** (NIV) (pg 1651)

- **Jesus was mindful of the needs of others feeding the five thousand.**

**Matthew 15:32** (NIV) - Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

- **Jesus was a man of faith**

**Mark 10:25-27** (Msg) - I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom." <sup>26</sup>That set the disciples back on their heels. "Then who has any chance at all?" they asked. <sup>27</sup>Jesus was blunt: "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it."

- **Jesus was determined to fulfill his God given purpose.**

**Matthew 16:21-23** (NLT)

**Ask Jesus Into Your Heart - Romans 10:9-10** (NIV)

**Closing Scripture - Psalm 86:4** (Msg) - Give your servant a happy life; I put myself in your hands!