

Without This, You Can't Have True Success

People search for happiness in a lot of places. They look to things like relationships, money, vacations, houses, clothes and even open doors of opportunity. Yet, while these things can bring a certain level of excitement for a period of time, *happiness* is based on what is happening “in the moment.”

I was a Christian for several years before I understood that enjoying true peace, joy and fulfillment is the most important thing in life. It goes far beyond happiness to a deeper joy, regardless of our circumstances. And no matter what we own, where we go or what we do, there is only one thing that can give us this true satisfaction—*God*.

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Simply put, without Him, we will never truly be able to experience daily joy.

Psalm 27:4 (AMPC) has become one of my life's foundational Scriptures. It says, “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek, inquire for, *and* [insistently] require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord [in His presence] all the days of my life, to behold *and* gaze upon the beauty [the sweet attractiveness and the delightful loveliness] of the Lord and to meditate, consider, *and* inquire in His temple.”

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“Seek” is a strong word. It means “to crave, pursue and go after something with all of your might.” Many people want a deeper relationship with God—and they want to experience the

immense joy and fulfillment that comes with it—but they don't *crave* and *pursue* Him or lay aside other things in order to have it.

I love Psalm 16:11, which says, "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

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