

Join us next weekend as we continue our sermon series on "How To Be Happy For The Rest Of Your Life"

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How To Be Happy For The Rest Of Your Life – Sermon #1
Happy Are Those Who Bring Out The Best In Other People
Philippians 1:3-11

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1. BE GRATEFUL FOR THE _____ IN PEOPLE.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:3** "I thank my God every time I remember you."

- To focus on the good means your focus is on the good _____, not the bad ones.
- Remember the best, _____ the rest.
- Focus on the _____ people in your life.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:5** "You have helped me from the very first day until now."

2. PRACTICE PRAYING POSITIVE _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:4** "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

- The quickest way to _____ a relationship from bad to good is to start thanking God in prayer for people.
- Positive praying is much more _____ than positive thinking.
- The more specific you are in prayer the more specific _____ you will get.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:9-11** "And this is my prayer, that *your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.*"

1. Pray that they will grow in _____. "...abound in love..."
2. Pray that they make wise _____. "...discern what is best..."
3. Pray that they will do the _____ thing. "...be pure and blameless..."
4. Pray that they will live for God's _____. "...the fruit of righteousness."

3. BE PATIENT WITH THEIR _____.

- Paul looked at people's _____ and not just at their past.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:6** "*Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*"

- We don't always finish what we start but _____ always finishes what He starts.
- The Bible says when Jesus Christ starts working in your life He will _____ what He started.
- To enjoy the people in your life you have to remember God is not _____ with them yet.

1. To enjoy people we must allow for _____ and for development.

2. If you demand perfection of the people in your life in order to enjoy them you're going to be _____ for the rest of your life – nobody's perfect.

- To enjoy people, you've got to enjoy them in the _____, not when they've arrived.

SCRIPTURE – **John 1:12** "*To them he gave the power to become the sons of God.*"

- Faith is _____ the best from other people.

4. LOVE PEOPLE FROM THE _____.

- You will discover that if people are not on your heart, they're getting on your _____.
- The reason so many marriages are crumbling is that mates are reacting to each other from their _____ rather than their heart.
- Heart love begins with _____ why they feel that way.
- You begin to understand by asking _____ and then listening.
- Loving the unlovable is _____ only through the "*affection of Jesus Christ...*"

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 1:8** "*God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*"

- The secret of enjoying the people in my life is to be filled with God's _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Romans 5:5** "*God has poured out his love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to us.*"

KEY POINT TO REMEMBER – Life is too _____ to not enjoy the people in your life.