



"THE KEY TO LIVING A HAPPY LIFE"

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Psalm 42:1-2a (NKJV): *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God..."*

James 1:19-25

HOW TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE

James 19-22: *"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

James 1:23-25 (NIV): *"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does."*

HOW CAN I OBTAIN LASTING HAPPINESS

It's all about **OBEDIENCE**

James 1:22 (NIV): *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

John 8:31-32 (NIV): *"...If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

THREE ATTITUDES THAT NEED TO DEVELOP

James 1:19 (NIV), *"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone show quick to listen, slow to speak and low to become angry,"*

I need to...

1. Learn to become an **Active Listener** James 1:19 (NIV): *"Everyone who is quick to Listen."*
2. Learn to constantly **Speak with Patience & Humility** James 1:19 (NIV); *"Everyone should be slow to speak."*
3. Learn to continuously **Keep My Mind Open** to God's Word

James 1:19 (NIV): *"Everyone should be slow to become angry",*

James 1:20 (NLT) *"Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires,"*

TO DEVELOP THESE ATTITUDES, I MUST

1. Let go of the **Junk in My Life**

James 1:21 (NIV): *"Therefore get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."*

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT 2): *"Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God truly righteous and holy."*

1 John 1:9 (NIV); *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

Mark 1:15 (NIV): *"The time has come," he said "The kingdom of God is near Repent and believe the good news*

2. In **Humility** receive God's Word, James 1:21 (NIV); *"...humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."*

Matthew 5:5 (AMP): *"Blessed (happy, blithesome, joyous, spiritually prosperous with the Joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth!"*



PRAYER POINTS THE KEY TO LIVING A HAPPY LIFE

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- You evil powers, attempting to quench my thirst for God's Word, nothing shall stop me now, be torched by fire, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- You evil powers, you evil spirits, causing procrastination in my life, lack of action will not stop me from fulfilling God's purpose for my life, get behind me now, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.
- By the Blood of Jesus, you deaf and dumb spirits, you blocker spirits, be evacuated from my life, go now into the abyss, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- By the power of Jesus Christ, I break the hold of every evil word spoken against me or by me, God's Word is my destiny, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Every stronghold of the enemy, involving anger and its destruction in my life, fire and brimstone shall be your portion, be broken out of my life, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- In the name of Jesus Christ, you spirit of pride, let the heavenly winds of fire blow you, right now, into the abyss, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- By the power of Jesus Christ, I bind mercy, grace and truth around my neck, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- In the name of Jesus Christ, I decree God's unending, unfailing love to flow without cease through my life, through my family, in the name of Jesus Christ.