



**Prayer/Bible Study**  
**April 14, 2021**



**HAPPINESS** for this Series is defined as **Joy**, **Contentment**, **Cheerfulness**, and **Satisfaction**.

God wants each of us to be **HAPPY** and has made it possible for **HAPPINESS** to be our state of being. That's what this Series is about. It is literally about the **Joy of the Lord**. It is about living a life where outside circumstances or people cannot cause you not to be **HAPPY**—**John 10:10**. The believer does not have to choose between holiness and **HAPPINESS**. God is the enemy of sin and the creator of pleasure and humor. Art, movies, books, sports, work, food, drinking, sex, and money were all created by God.

Prayer for this Series—**Psalm 16:1-11** NLT. Please read and recite this prayer daily and get it in your spirit. Meditate on it. Go through it slowly and reflect on each line. Then, allow God to **CHANGE YOU**.

## Chapter 1

1. Our universal search for happiness. Every person of every age and every circumstance is seeking happiness. What have you done today or within the last week to gain happiness? (page 2)
2. Should believers feel uneasy or guilty for being happy? God's children are told to be happy before the Lord—[Deuteronomy 12:12a](#), [Psalm, 40:16](#) NLT.
3. Is it okay for Christians to be happy?—[Psalm 98:4](#) (page 3). It is not just okay; it is right—[Luke 10:20](#).
4. A.W. Tozer says God's people ought to be the happiest people in the world—[Psalm 81:1](#), [Philippians 4:4](#).

Does the Bible have much to say about **HAPPINESS**? (page 4)

What does the Bible say about **HAPPINESS**?

[Romans 15:13](#) NLT

[Ecclesiastes 2:25-26](#) NLT

[Proverbs 10:28](#) NLT

[Psalm 30:5](#), [37:4](#), [144:15](#) NLT

[Psalm 16:8-9](#) NLT

Often when the word "blessed" is used in Scripture, it means

**HAPPY!**

[James 1:12](#) NKJV

[Matthew 5:1-10](#) NKJV