**MAKING GOD HAPPY** 2021-05-30

**LUKE 12:32(NLTSE)** So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom

* Have you ever wondered what it takes to make God happy?
* Chances are, we’ve probably thought it involves doing something for God, or giving something to God right? We couldn’t be more wrong.
* The scripture always teaches that God is most pleased, when He gives us something, not when we give Him something or do something for Him
* After-all, what could we possibly give to God that we haven’t already received from Him? **JOHN 3:27(NLTSE)** John replied, “No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven
* So let’s just settle this in our hearts, that God wants to give us His Kingdom as this makes Him happy
* However, God has only one way for us to receive what He wants for us. And that is through a life led by the Holy Spirit.
* **GALATIANS 5:1-15** focuses on the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, because of what Jesus accomplished through His cross. It also teaches us that trying to make God happy, through keeping laws and rules, will rob us of that freedom and make us guilty again, of what we’ve already been forgiven for
* **GALATIANS 5:16-26** focuses on living a life by the Holy Spirit’s power and hit’s the point home, by the reminder and warning in verse 21:

**vs21**(b) Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

* So if we read **LUKE 12:32** and **GALATIANS 5:22** in the light of each other, we see the key to making Good happy.
* Let’s remind ourselves again, that God’s happiness is not based on us doing anything for Him but rather, receiving from Him
* He has given us His Holy Spirit:

**JOHN 14:26**

**(KJV)** But the ***Comforter***, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you

**(NKJV)** But the ***Helper***, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you

**(MSG)** The ***Friend***, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you.

**(NLTSE)** But when the Father sends the ***Advocate*** as my representative, that is, the Holy Spirit, He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you

**ACTS 2:38(NLTSE)** Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. ***Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.***

* The best way to summarise this message, would be to say this: that all of our Christian efforts, should be poured in to being led by the Holy Spirit, so that God can give us His Kingdom
* This makes God happy!

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What is your definition of happiness and what does it mean to you?
2. What do you understand by the word “Kingdom” as it it’s written in **LUKE 12:32?**
3. In what ways do you think God shows His happiness?
4. Why do you think God is happy when we ***receive*** from Him, instead of giving to Him? What does this say about God’s heart?
5. In what ways is the Holy Spirit leading you in your life and in what ways are you perhaps not following His leading? Discuss this openly and honestly, in your group