**Does God Want Us To Be Happy?**

A friend of my wife was put away by her husband unscripturally. She attends “divorce class” at the church she worships with. They tell her it would be okay for her to remarry because “God doesn’t want you to be unhappy.”

Does God want us to be happy? Yes – I Pet 3:10 says “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.” But God does not want us to be happy in sin, happy because we are enjoying sin?

Heb 11:24-26 “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”

Being the adopted grandson of the king of Egypt, Moses could have had a very “happy” life getting all the wine, women, and song he wanted. But he gave up those sinful enjoyments because he was thinking of the eternal reward (heaven, just like us) he could get if he lived a life of obedience to God.

Going back to our friend’s situation. What does God tell us about it?:

Matt 5:32b whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery

Matt 19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery

Luke 16:18b whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery

Happy in Gay Marriage?

I Cor 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (NKJV)

Happy missing church to play in a ball game, or to play tennis?

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Happy being dishonest to run a business successfully?

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Happy in a church that is not abiding in the teaching of Christ because I have a lot of friends there?

II John 9-11 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.