

the realm of professional greatness. We are not God. We are not better than God. We cannot accomplish what God has not allowed us to. Our **purpose in this life** is to function **the way** God wants us to **where** God wants us to.

What about power for success? Success is not measured by the size of bank accounts or number of admirers. Yes, many people desire to be worshiped, that is, to be loved, respected, honored, and followed in the way only the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to be revered. **True success is** knowing and doing **God's will**. So, the **power** to be successful comes from our focusing our efforts by the determination and energy God gives us **to be what God wants us to be**. The true happiness that we all desire and that God desires for us to have is available to all who **accept God's plan** for happiness. Jesus said at the conclusion of one of His teaching occasions, *"If you know these things, **happy** are you **if you do them**"* (John 13:17). Then we have victory over the distress of not reaching unrealistic goals that do not fit our God-given limited personal capabilities.

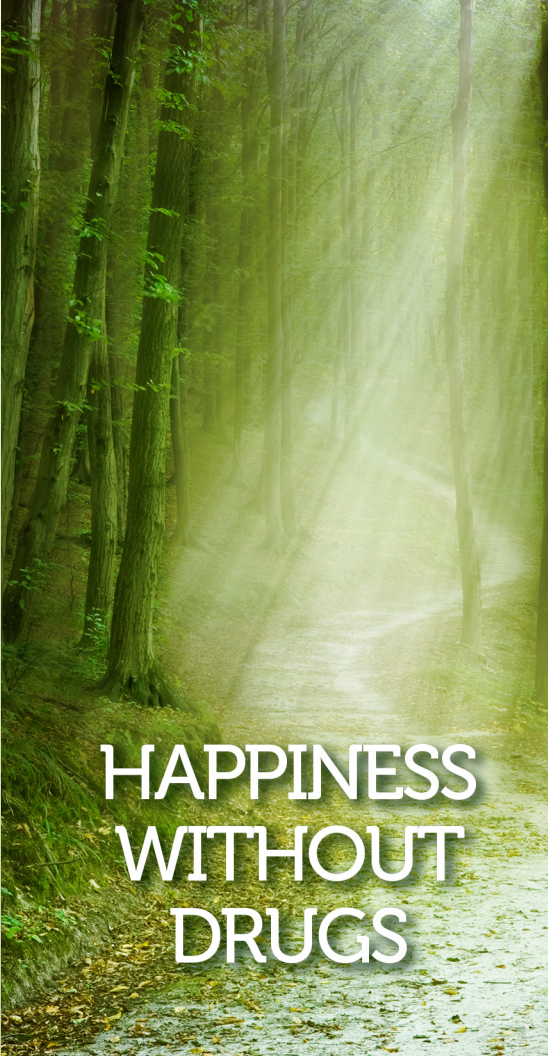
God tells us that to be **completely prepared** to live a **happy successful life** is to be saved by asking God for His gift of eternal life. The Holy Spirit then comes into your heart to give you

everything for victory in your life, *"the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**"* (Galatians 5:22, 23). *"**In Him you have been made complete**"* (Colossians 2:10). **No need for drugs!**

You can have this **power and victory** over all the temptations of this world's sinful pleasures if you turn from your selfish life and turn to Jesus Christ to be rescued from the pains, power, and penalty of a life of drug use. **Please, right now call on God to save you and give you eternal life.**

Here is how to become a *strong*, Christian.

1. **Follow Jesus** by studying and obeying the Bible, 1 Peter 2:2.
2. **Pray** for guidance, and for power to be obedient, Philippians 4:6–7.
3. **Attend** every Sunday a conservative Bible-teaching church to worship God, Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:1–47.
4. **Tell others** every day about Jesus' wonderful gift of eternal salvation, Acts 2:47



**HAPPINESS
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“Why do people use drugs?” Because they like the feeling they get by putting various substances into their bodies with the hope of producing **calmness** of mind, **joyfulness** of heart, **purpose** for living, and **power** for success in life. And, of course, proper amounts of doctor-prescribed medicines could cure some illnesses and diseases without the danger of addiction or harmful side effects.

Another reason people use drugs is **because** the **starving souls of people** are without the presence of God in the heart that was created for only Him to occupy and fill. Proverbs 27:7 tells us *“A sated man loathes honey, but to a famished man, every bitter thing is sweet.”* A **starving person** may eat anything that appears to be edible and tasty, but may actually be eating things that are deadly. Psalm 42:1-2 reinforces this truth about **God being the missing factor** in man’s quest for heart satisfaction, *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul pants for God, the living God...”*

Recent religious polls reveal that 89% of Americans believe in “god”, though not necessarily the one true and living God described in the Bible. **Everyone** early in their life **once believed in God**. John 1:9 tells us *“There was the true Light (Jesus Christ) which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.”*; but many later on chose to ignore Him. Look at Romans 1:19–21, *“That which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His*

invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even when they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations.” So we see that **it is normal to believe in God**, which is the main factor in having a full, happy life.

So **the truth** is that **peace** comes from **the presence of God** permeating a person’s emotions, mind, and will. The Scriptures teach us that **peace** is a work of the Holy Spirit in a Christian’s heart, and the result of praying to God for that which mere human effort can never acquire. Galatians 5:22 says *“the fruit of the Spirit is... peace”*, and Philippians 4:6–7 reads *“... in everything by prayer...let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

In Galatians 5:22, we also learn that true lasting cheerfulness is the work of God, *“the fruit of the Spirit is... joy.”* While some of the strange and harmful things people have put into their bodies may give some **temporary “fun”**, the “law of diminishing returns” guarantees that this type of thrill is short-lived and inadequate for maintaining satisfying and lasting levels of pleasure, demanding more and different “uppers” for satisfaction; then there are the unpleasant, **disappointing side effects**, *“There is a way that seems*

right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Even in laughter the heart may be in pain, and the end of joy may be grief” (Proverbs 14:12–13). **But** God promises **full and eternal fulfillment** of all the physical and spiritual needs and desires of His human creation, *“It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich* (fullness of mental, physical, emotional, material blessings!), **and He adds no sorrow to it”** (Proverbs 10:22). No “downers”, “hang-overs” or “crashes” with all the wonderful things God provides! Please choose Jesus, not drugs!

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Revelation 4:11 informs us that *“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”* The apostle Paul, in Philippians 1:21, declared that *“For to me to live is Christ.”* These truths assure us,

then, that to be motivated to live a life with **purpose** for the **most hopeful and satisfying quality** is to **determine** to do God’s will as recorded in the Bible, by the personal, physical, and spiritual abilities He has given us. In short, to be confident of the **purpose** for which **we even exist**, is **to enjoy and live for the Lord Jesus Christ Himself**. It is not true what many believe today that “You can be anything you want to be!” No, we cannot do everything or have everything we may want. Not all people who strongly desire to be rich and famous will make it into