

6. Adversity is the challenge to the positive believer to enter the greatest happiness he will ever experience because of his relationship to the Lord in advancing to the high ground of spiritual maturity. There is no greater happiness in all of history. This is God's plan for your life since the day you believed in Christ.
7. Most normal people are looking for happiness but are not finding it. Believers do not find happiness because they are distracted from the unique spiritual life of the Church Age.
8. All too often the system of happiness that believers seek is based on a false premise called the "if system of happiness." The "if system of happiness" is a system of unreality, of dreaming, of hoping, of assuming that you do not have happiness because you do not have these things. It includes the following thoughts:
 - a. If I only married this or that person. You wish that you had married someone else. This is no capacity for love.
 - b. If I had only done this rather than that. This is the concept of no capacity for blessing. No capacity for blessing means you have failed to understand or execute the unique spiritual life of the Church Age.
 - c. If I only had this detail of life or that detail of life. This is no capacity for what God has provided. It is what we want rather than what God has provided for us, and He always knows what is best for us.
 - d. If I only had good luck. This means no capacity for the plan of God.
 - e. If I only had a million dollars. This is no capacity for prosperity. If God wanted you to have a million dollars, you would have a million dollars. This means no capacity for life.
 - f. If I could only have the man of my dreams. This means no capacity for true love.
 - g. If I could only meet the woman of my dreams. This is also no capacity for love. Capacity for true love comes from Bible doctrine. God provides the right man.
 - h. If I could achieve the approbation of this or that person. This means no capacity for occupation with the person of Jesus Christ.

Occupation with Christ is part of this great happiness that God has given to believers who execute this spiritual life. You do not have to wish for it because it has already been given to you in eternity past. Sharing the happiness of God is a part of the plan of God for your life as well as occupation with Christ, especially in time of adversity.

- i. If I could only be as handsome as someone else. This means no capacity for the right emphasis. How you look is how God planned it.
 - j. If I could only be as beautiful as someone else. This means no capacity for the right emphasis for the woman. This has nothing to do with the inner beauty of the woman's respect for the authority of her husband as she would respect God. The highest love a woman can have is not romance but respect. Respect is the inner beauty of the woman.
 - k. If I only had what he has. This is lust to destroy your capacity. You may want his personality, sense of humor, or ability to entertain others. These things will never make you happy. They are a distraction to the spiritual life.
 - l. If I only had what she had. Wanting to be desired by all men, etc. That is not happiness. This is distraction by sin, evil, and failure.
9. These things, which we lust for, are the reason why we are under divine punishment as individuals and as a nation.
10. Principles of Application:
- a. Capacity from Bible doctrine and reciprocal love for God must precede blessing from God. Capacity comes as we learn Bible doctrine which drives garbage out of our subconscious. It is the beginning of inner beauty, inner blessing, and the dynamic spiritual life God has given to us.
 - b. The "if system of happiness" has zero capacity for blessing from God. They are all things related to your arrogance and lust, and they combine to destroy your spiritual life.
 - c. The "if system of happiness" has no capacity for true love, so that you will never know true love in a relationship.

- d. The “if system of happiness” has no capacity for what God has provided and for what He has not provided. It is God’s plan that must come first, so that when we grow in grace and advance to the point of glorifying God, then we will be thankful that God did not provide certain things in our life that would have made us miserable.

We often ask God for things and He says, “No,” because it is a great blessing for us to not have them to protect us and our spiritual advance. God is not going to give you blessing unless you have the capacity for it.
 - e. The “if system of happiness” has no capacity to be occupied with the person of Jesus Christ.
 - f. The “if system of happiness” looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart, the circulation of thought in our soul (1 Samuel 16:7b).
11. Happiness is in the soul. Happiness comes from the circulation of facilitated doctrine in the seven compartments of the soul (the frame of reference, vocabulary center, memory center, categorical storage, conscience, area of application, the area of spiritual growth).
 12. Capacity and happiness are in the soul because of Bible doctrine in the soul.
 13. Conclusion:
 - a. All of these attitudes in the “if system of happiness” produce no happiness at all, only frustration and misery. If you are living under “iffy” happiness, you are in a state of misery.
 - b. If this false system of happiness is an exercise of futility and demonstrates total occupation with self and other things, then obviously as a believer you will never know the fantastic things God has provided for you in time. But you will find out when you stand before the throne of grace and receive lesser blessings for all eternity. The greater blessings will belong to those who had them in time.
 - c. If you are in the “if system of happiness,” you have lost any possibility of true happiness as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, because true happiness comes from the execution of the unique spiritual life of the Church Age. If you do not understand the unique spiritual life of the Church Age, there is no hope for you. But learning the simple principles involved is easy if you take the time.

- d. Therefore, we have the opportunity for the greatest possible happiness in all human history because of the execution of our unique spiritual life during the greatest and the most horrible historical situations, which is manifested today by the abnormal forms of criminality that have arisen in our country including terrorism. These things are maximum punishment to our nation. But we change all this by using the recovery procedure of 1 John 1:9 and beginning to advance in the spiritual life.
- e. To have the threat of the fifth cycle of discipline and the attack of terrorism at the same time gives us the opportunity for maximum use of our spiritual life and the greatest opportunity for glorifying God and the happiness that goes with it.
- f. This glorification of God comes from advancing to the high ground of **πλήρωμα (plérōma)** status (being filled with all the fullness of God) and added to it the tremendous happiness that comes from trusting the Lord in time of greatest adversity. The system of advance to spiritual maturity requires:
- (1) Momentum, the daily intake of the teaching of the word of God.
 - (2) Motivation, which comes from personal love for God, which is the motivation to continue to learn the Word of God or Bible doctrine. **(1)** Personal love for God through learning the Word of God takes us to **plérōma**, the Greek word for the great blessings God has for us in time, **(2)** a personal sense of destiny, **(3)** maximum glorification of God, and **(4)** occupation with Christ. The combination of these things results in the greatest happiness.
 - (3) Protection from the grace of God provided for us in eternity past and given to us now in our time of need.
 - (4) Power through the filling of the Holy Spirit, who is our mentor and teacher, and brings to our remembrance the things we have forgotten.
- g. No greater challenge has ever faced believers in a client nation to God than when they are under the fifth cycle of discipline and terrorism. Therefore, we have the potential for the greatest happiness in human history under these conditions.

- h. The great historical adversity where Bible doctrine and reciprocal love for God combine with grace under the power of God the Holy Spirit result in the fulfillment of the unique spiritual life. Advance to the high ground of spiritual maturity by the believer is necessary for the preservation of client nation America. Only historical disaster, such as terrorism, provides this opportunity for the believer in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to the challenge that comes from the attack of terrorism.
- If we advance to spiritual maturity, we can look back and thank God that we found true happiness in the greatest disaster in American history. As a result, we will become a band of brothers, united by our reciprocal love for God, living by Bible doctrine circulating in the soul, and glorifying God in our greatest historical disaster.

B. Related Scripture.

1. Capacity for life is not related to the circumstances of life:

Philippians 4:11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content in any circumstance.

v. 12 I have experienced times of need and times of abundance. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of contentment,

v. 13 whether I go satisfied or hungry, having plenty or nothing.

v. 14 I am able to do all things through the One who strengthens me. (NET)

2. Capacity is not related to status quo in life or lifestyle:

Hebrews 13:5 “Let your lifestyle be free from the love of money; keep on being content with what you possess, for He Himself has said, ‘I will not abandon you, neither will I ever forsake you,’

v. 6 so that being confident we say, ‘The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?’” (EXT)

3. Capacity is related to the spiritual life of spiritual maturity:

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work. (EXT)

