

Upcoming Events

Revelation class: Today at 2:30
When was Revelation Written?
The Seven Trumpets

Tuesday Meet Up Class
July 27 at 7:00 p.m.
77682 Country Club Drive A-2
Palm Desert

Secret to Contentment

“I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with little, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11-13

August Birthdays

4 Noah Perales 12 Debbie Hoffman
16 Nick Hoffman 25 Pat Limburg

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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“Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain”

By Kevin Cauley

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).

All sin begins with desire. Seemingly benign desires may be perverted; the desire to eat may become the sin of gluttony, and the desire to procreate may become fornication, adultery, etc. Desires are complicated in that they lead to other desires. The desire of hunger produces a desire to seek food and go to the bakery where I desire to eat a donut; one donut turns into six, and now I have desires about what to do about eating those six donuts. This is just a small sampling of the many desires we have. We have desires related to work, family, government, church, other individuals, etc. Being overwhelmed with desires produces great stress and leads to the desire to sooth the stress, but this does not satisfy.

What is needed is contentment: being satisfied with who we are. Contentment is not trying to be something that we are not. Paul

wrote in 1 Timothy 6:6-7, “*But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*” Focusing on Jesus and who He is helps us to be content because He is all we really need; He is the standard for who we were created to be and what we truly are. This is godliness and being satisfied with that delivers us from a world of our own destructive desires. God bless you, and I love you.

NINE RULES OF HAPPINESS

By Robert Notgrass



Let Happiness Rule In Our Life!

Rule # 1 Live a simple life. Don't plan too many things each day. Be temperate and moderate in lifestyle.

Rule # 2 Spend less than we earn. This may be difficult to do, but it pays big dividends in contentment and peace of mind.

Rule # 3 Think constructively. Store useful thoughts in our mind. As one thinks in his heart—so is he.

Rule # 4 Cultivate a flexible disposition. Resist the tendency to want our own way. Try to see another person's point of view.

Rule # 5 Be grateful. Begin each day with a prayer of thanksgiving for all our blessings. Let God know we are grateful.

Rule # 6 Rule our moods. Our mental attitude is all important in living at peace with others.

Rule # 7 Give generously. Intelligent giving of our time, talents, personality, and money will bring great joy.

Rule # 8 Work with the right motives. Seek to grow in favor with God and man, seeking his will first in our life.

Rule # 9 Be interested in others. As we serve others, we reap happiness as a by-product of a life of self-giving.

How “Big” Is the Bible?

How “BIG” is the Bible? It is long enough to reach from the beginning of time, through all history, and into the eternal heavens. It is broad enough that the greatest minds cannot absorb it all. It is so high that it touches the throne of God.

How “BIG” is the Bible? In our own life, it is just as “BIG” as we make it. To some foolish people, it is nothing, for they neither know nor follow it. But to other people, it leads them home to heaven. The following are some goals we need as we study our Bible every day:

- 1) Knowledge of God and His relationship to man.
- 2) Knowledge of the relationship of man to man.
- 3) Growth in the Christian faith.
- 4) Develop skills for winning others to Christ.
- 5) Looking to the Word for our devotional life.
- 6) Develop Christian character.
- 7) Integrating all phases of our life with the spiritual.
- 8) Becoming a faithful Christian as the Lord wants us to be.
- 9) Goal of being able to teach God's Word in word, deed, and daily living.

Let's all make the Bible “BIG” in our everyday living.