

The Path to Joy

“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.” – Psalm 16:11 Throughout Scripture, we see how God used men and women in the corridors of power to influence leaders. Daniel was taken along with other Israelites into the captivity of Babylon, but he had great influence on King Nebuchadnezzar. We know that Joseph had great influence on the Pharaoh. And Esther, because of her influence with King Ahasuerus, was able to save her entire nation. As Christians we should be asking, “Lord, where do you want me to be?” He may put you in a corridor of power. Or, He might have you laboring in relative obscurity. Wherever you are, you need to use your influence for His glory. Ask yourself, “Am I going to enjoy life in my own way, or am I going to employ my life serving God and others?” Serving the Lord is the most joyful thing you can do. The psalmist David wrote, “In [His] presence is fullness of joy at [His] right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11). Those of us who serve the Lord have discovered a secret. Jesus said it very clearly: It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Another way to translate blessed is “happy.” If you want to be a happy person, then be a giving person. If you want to be an unhappy person, then be a selfish person. If you want to be happy, then be generous. If you want to be miserable, then be stingy. Be generous with everything God gives you. Be generous with your time. Be generous with your money. Be generous with whatever is at your disposal. Are you going to enjoy your life or employ your life? If you employ your life for the glory of God, then you will enjoy your life as never before.

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