

Make the Holy Spirit Happy
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***We should want to make the Holy Trinity happy just because of what God has done for us,
but secondarily, we should remember that the road to being blessed in life is by making the Holy Trinity happy.

Matthew 6:31-34

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Realize that God’s blessings go way beyond just receiving material things... They include receiving answered prayers; transmitting blessings to other people, including our descendants; and having supernatural peace so that we can enjoy the blessings God gives us.

Psalms 37:

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

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Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5

Commit[a] your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass.

6

He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

7

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

8

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—*it only causes harm.*

9

For evildoers shall be [b]cut off;
But those who wait on the Lord,
They shall inherit the earth.

10

For yet a little while and the wicked *shall be no more*;
Indeed, you will look carefully for his place,
But it *shall be no more.*

11

But the meek shall inherit the earth,
And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

12

The wicked plots against the just,
And gnashes at him with his teeth.

13

The Lord laughs at him,
For He sees that his day is coming.

14

The wicked have drawn the sword
And have bent their bow,
To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay those who are of upright conduct.

15

Their sword shall enter their own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.

16

A little that a righteous man has
Is better than the riches of many wicked.

17

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
But the Lord upholds the righteous.

18

The Lord knows the days of the upright,
And their inheritance shall be forever.

19

They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,
And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

20

But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of the Lord,
Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish.
Into smoke they shall vanish away.

21

The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

22

For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,
But *those* cursed by Him shall be [c]cut off.

23

The steps of a *good* man are [d]ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.

24

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the Lord upholds *him with* His hand.

25

I have been young, and *now* am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.

26

He is [e]ever merciful, and lends;
And his descendants *are* blessed.

27

Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell forevermore.

28

For the Lord loves justice,
And does not forsake His saints;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

29

The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell in it forever.

30

The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom,
And his tongue talks of justice.

31

The law of his God *is* in his heart;
None of his steps shall [f]slide.

32

The wicked watches the righteous,
And seeks to slay him.

33

The Lord will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.

34

Wait on the Lord,
And keep His way,
And He shall exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, you shall see *it*.

35

I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a native green tree.

36

Yet [g]he passed away, and behold, he *was no more*;
Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

37

Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright;
For the future of *that man is* peace.

38

But the transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

39

But the salvation of the righteous *is* from the Lord;
He is their strength in the time of trouble.

40

And the Lord shall help them and deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the wicked,
And save them,
Because they trust in Him.

Psalm 37 mentions repeatedly that the righteous will have peace and inherit the land.
They will also enjoy the little that they have.

So what are some specific things that we should do to make the Holy Spirit happy?

1)Do, speak, think, and feel the right things.

Ephesians 4:17-31

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as [f]the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Do Not Grieve the Spirit

25 Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another. **26** “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give [g]place to the devil. **28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. **29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary [h]edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, [i]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. **32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

2)Keep trying when we fail.

Proverbs 24:15-16

Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous;

Do not plunder his resting place;

16

For a righteous *man* may fall seven times

And rise again,

But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

3)Ask God in Jesus Christ’s name to bless to always want to continue on the narrow way of Christ.

Galatians 6:9-10

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

John 16:22-24

22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

23 “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. **24** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

4)Let the Lord speak to you. Start listening to Him through His Word.

Joshua 1:5-9

5 No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. **6** Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall [a]divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. **7** Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may [b]prosper wherever you go. **8** This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

No sermon will be able to tell you everything that you need to know to receive from the Lord, so it is important that you are in constant contact with God’s Word.

John 16:12-15

12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He [c]will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.