

Having Fun the Godly Way - Lesson

Lesson summary: God wants us to enjoy life and have fun with it. The more you walk in spiritual victory, the more joy you have in life. The greatest enjoyment comes in the context of godly friendships.

ECCLESIASTES 11:9 (NIV)

Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.

ECCLESIASTES 8:15 (NIV) – So I commend the enjoyment of life...

What does a godly person do to have fun?

1. Fun by Yourself

- Having fun by yourself is mostly a matter of personal perspective on what you are doing. If you find enjoyment in what you do, then you can have fun doing most things. Being thankful that you are alive is a start to finding joy in little things.
- It is a healthy sign to be able to enjoy being alone and doing a hobby or something and not need to be with people all the time.
- When you are doing something meaningful, it can be great fun.
- Often the things the devil tries to get you to think are fun, do not refresh you, and the things you naturally think are going to be burdensome become refreshing.

2. Fun in Fellowship

- The greatest times of enjoyment come with Christian friends.
- Starting projects together, or hobbies, sports, activities, etc.
- It takes work to plan fun things to do with others.
- Most of the time, you have to be the one who initiates things. Don't wait for others to think up something and invite you.

3. Fun in Selflessness

- Find out the birthdays of those you are close to and plan to do things for them on their birthdays.
- Be one who is thinking on how you can bless someone or do something special for them.
- Meet your neighbors and bring over a bin of cookies or something for them as a gift.

Anything that refreshes you without distracting from, diminishing or destroying your final goal is a legitimate pleasure. You must know what your final goal is, or the purpose of your life is.

-Ravi Zacharias

4. What are some things that are fun to do that fit into this category?