

THE REAL LIFE

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It is important that we love our neighbor as ourselves, and have compassion for one another. **"But I say to you: Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." – Matthew 5:44.** God doesn't make any difference between different people, and I don't believe it is His will that we should either. So, it is the will of God that we forgive one another, as Christ also forgave us. **"Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you." – Colossians 3:13.**

Important: Christian friends, church/other activity with Christians,

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." – Galatians 5:25-26.

It is an act of profanity to only be glad when you do something fun. God clearly says we should be glad all the time. It says in **1 Thessalonians 5:16** **"Rejoice evermore (always)."**

Happiness may not always come so easily, sometimes people can be very depressed and down. It is in these downs you have to put your faith in the Lord and not in earthly possessions, wealth, prosperity, and so on. Buying something on impulse that you may not even need is a big disadvantage for your economy. It may make you happier for the moment, but could be fatal in the long run. Also, it clearly says in the Bible: **"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." – 1 Timothy 6:10.**

In my opinion one of the best methods for coping with stress, depression, and other psychical problems is spending time in God's nature. I sometimes have the fortune to enjoy spending time at our family's cabin in northern Sweden and go fishing a lot. It definitely feels like some of the happiest moments of my life to go fishing here.

**“If you be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are you; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified.” –
1 Peter 4:14**

GOD, GIVE ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.