

DO, LOVE, HOPE

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Eph 4:1-4

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:2-5

2 Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.
3 Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit and so be at peace with one another.
4 We are all parts of one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future.

TLB

HAPPINESS IS COMPOSED OF THREE THINGS:

SOMETHING TO DO, SOMETHING TO LOVE & SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR

According to "Pickles" in last Sunday's funnys by Brian Crane, grandpa is talking to his grandson and gives him some advice.



EVERYONE NEEDS SOMETHING TO DO THAT'S WORTHWHILE!

- A responsibility, making a contribution; a part of something where you fit in; feeling necessary; a calling (i.e. occupation, profession)
- What are you doing for the Kingdom of God?

SOMETHING TO LOVE.

- Everyone needs something to love more than a dog, cat or hot fudge sundae.
- You want to be loved, yes, but what or who are you loving. (in love with)
- You love your husband/wife, mom/dad, children, family.

SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR.

- Working towards a goal for the future.
- A high school diploma.
- A college degree.
- Marriage/children
- A house of your own

THESE THREE THINGS REALLY SUM UP WHAT MAKES A PERSON HAPPY!

- Even God demonstrated these three things in the garden of Eden because we were created in His image.

BY THE SAME TOKEN WE ALSO MUST HAVE THE SAME THREE INGREDIENTS TO BE HAPPY.

MAN NEEDS SOMETHING TO DO.

IT'S OUR NATURE TO BE FULFILLED! A JOB!

HE NEEDS SOMETHING TO LOVE ALSO.

RECEIVING LOVE OR ANYTHING ELSE WILL NOT BRING HAPPINESS TO HUMANKIND. WE NEED TO BE GIVING OF OURSELVES.

Jesus said, "More blessed to give than receive." Love someone!

THE THIRD INGREDIENT IS SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR. FUTURE GOALS, ASPIRATIONS.

looking forward to something that motivates us to keep doing & to keep loving.

MY SCRIPTURE:

"...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called..."

THIS IS WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO.

- Walk in his commandments, His precepts, His laws.
- We each have a calling in the body of Christ. Some are a finger, an ear, an eye, a gland, a joint, a toe. All members of the same body. Christ's body. All have a function; a job to do.



BACK TO MY SCRIPTURE. SOMETHING TO LOVE. (1ST & 2ND COMMANDMENT)

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2 Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

3 Try always to be led along together by the Holy Spirit and so be at peace with one another. (LB)

SOMETHING TO LOVE:

HOW ABOUT EACH OTHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.

- Verse 2 says to be humble & gentle; be patient with each other.
- Make allowance for each other's faults because of your LOVE.
- Be at peace with one another.
- How does the world know that you are a real Christian & disciple?

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

- What has your life been telling the world? Apologizing goes a long way!

SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

Titus 2:13

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

- Jesus is coming back for those who are busy doing; those who are in love with Him; and those who are looking for Him.
- He's coming back for happy people who know what they're doing, love everyone they meet as well as their brothers & sisters and their HOPE is in Christ alone. He's coming back!

THIS WILL BRING TRUE HAPPINESS

*"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus name."*

*"On Christ the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand."*