

Happy Living Part 5

A happy heart is good medicine and a joyful mind causes healing! **Proverbs 17:22**

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone else looks after his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. I am confident that I myself will come soon, but I think it is necessary to also send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, my fellow worker and my fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me. **Philippians 2:19-30**

Qualities That Lead To Happy Living

I have nobody else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everybody else looks out for his own interests... **v. 20-21**

Those who can't be trusted are on the road to ruin. **Proverbs 13:15**

Timothy has proven himself ... **v. 22**

-- live with _____

Reliable friends who do what they say are like cool drinks in sweltering heat -- refreshing.
Proverbs 25:13

Putting confidence in an unreliable person is like chewing with a toothache or walking on a broken foot. **Proverbs 25:19**

Honest people will lead a full happy life. **Proverbs 28:20**

-- keep my _____

God blesses the person who sweareth to his own hurt. **Psalm 15:4**

Working well with others is a vital life skill for success
And a vital emotional skill for happiness

-- learn to _____

I send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, my fellow worker, and my fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. **V. 25**

-- learn to be _____

Now I must send him (Epaphroditus) back to you because he longs to see all of you. He's been worried about your distress since you heard that he was sick. **V. 26**

You must get along with each other! You must learn to be considerate of one another, cultivating a life in common. **1 Corinthians 1:10**

Relationships take work

I don't just do what I like or what's best for me, I do what's best for everyone so they may be saved. **1 Corinthians 10:33**

Indeed he was very ill and almost died ... he risked his life for the work of Christ, and was at the point of death while trying to do for me the things you couldn't do because you were far away. **V. 27 & 30**

What commitment have you started that
you haven't finished yet?

Is your commitment to Jesus Christ deep
enough to cause you to risk your life?

Do you think God's going to just let you
coast the rest of your life?

Happiness comes from putting service
before security!

*Only those who give away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever
know what it means to really live. **Mark 8:35***