

Who Are You?

#3: The Desire of the Human Spirit: Happiness

The human spirit = the metaphorical heart in Scripture

Ezekiel 36:26-27; 1 Thess 5:23; Mark 12:30

The human heart/spirit is the source of our driving desires

Ps 37:4; Matt 6:21; Prov 4:23

The Goal of the Human Spirit: *Happiness*

Eccl 3:12

Why did God Create our Spirit to Seek Happiness?

1 Tim 1:11; 6:15-16; Heb 12:2; Rev 21:4; 1 Tim 6:17; John 10:10-11; 13:35; Phil 4:4;
2 Cor 1:24

Our Spirit's Happiness through Obeying the Commands of God

Ps 68:3; 119:2; Luke 11:27-28; Rom 14:17-18; Gal 5:22; John 15:10-11; Acts 20:35;
Heb 11:25; Ps 16:4; 37:4

Our Spirit's Happiness through Trusting in God's Love

Matt 5:11-12

Our Spirit's Happiness for Eternity

Matt 13:43, 49-50; Ps 16:11; 25:21

LG ?'s

- 1) What does Proverbs 4:23 mean? Why is this so important to practice? How can we do this?
- 2) If the goal of our spirit/heart is happiness, how do Christians seek this? What do they do to feel happy? What do they do that makes them feel unhappy?
- 3) Why does God want Christians to feel happy on this Earth? What does this tell us about the character of our Father in Heaven?
- 4) How can our happiness be unconditional on this Earth? How can we practice this on a daily basis?
- 5) What will be some of the things on the New Earth that will make you happy?
- 6) What was most meaningful to you about Sunday's message?