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SPIRITUAL REALITY

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INT: QUESTION: What is the MOST IMP. treasure in man's search for the fulfilled life?

GUESSES: LOVE. TRUTH. JOY. HAPPINESS. FAME. FORTUNE. SOMETHING BEFORE ALL OF THESE: REALITY. "objective existance." Truth it's nearest parallel.

John 8:31-32
you see
alive!

I. STATEMENT: "If you fully and really UNDERSTOOD and ACCEPTED GOD'S UNIVERSE---as it really is---you would not have a worry in the world! True? False? Bible?"

II. SCRIPTURE: PHIL. 4:4-9.

- A. God does not eliminate all PAIN & STRESS when you become a Christian.
- B. God does not eliminate GRIEF at losses, adversities and disappointments.
- C. God will see you victoriously through this life. THIS IS REALITY-TRUTH!!!!
- D. NOTE TWO PASSAGES: Romans 8:28---love God and are called according to HIS purpose. "We work together....." Phil. 4:4-----rejoice IN THE LORD always---no matter.

work things out!

III. HOW DO YOU HARMONIZE THIS pain, suffering, adversities, and stress with 3 things: HAPPINESS? JOY? CONTENTMENT & SATISFACTION IN LIFE? (sounds contradictory!!)

IV. DEFINE OUR TERMS:

- 1. HAPPINESS: a state of wellbeing. External. Much to do with surrounding conditions. (can have joy while not happy at all.)
- 2. JOY: a deep spiritual sense of well-being in the spirit; based on SALVATION-ASSURED and A MISSION IN LIFE TRANSCENDENTLY MORE IMPORTANT than any of the vassitudes of life about us. Thus, real Spr. maturity.
- 3. SATISFACTION & CONTENTMENT IN LIFE: Based on whose program for you life.????

V. PAUL SPOKE OF JOY, REJOICING & GLADNESS 18 times in Philippians. Said we should know it always....as Christians.....regardless of all else.

QUESTION: Did he practice what he preached?

ANSWER: Phil. 1:7. 12. 13. 2:13. 2:27. 3:2. 7.8. 10.
Bonds. Jail " Evil. ill-sorrow. Evil: Loss. Sufferings.
3:17--enemies. 4:14. Afflictions. (Still---rejoice in the Lord!)
(1:15)

VI. THE GOOD THINGS WHICH HAPPEN TO CHRISTIANS REGARDLESS OF THE EVIL IN THE WORLD:

- 1:3-6. Mission for good to the end. 2:12-13. Don't work alone.
- 4:19. God will supply all, necessary to the victorious life of the Christian.

VII. PAUL'S THREE SECRET FORMULEAS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL SPIRITUAL LIFE.

- 4:6-7. Let God carry the heavy end of life. 4:11. Be patient in accepting God's time-table. 4:13. With God's POWER in me I can accomplish my mission.

THE CHRISTIAN'S GOAL: to become so strong that NOTHING can disturb your Christian frame of mind. Still have your JOY regardless of all else!!!