

Can You Have Everything You Want And Still Not Be Happy?

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Have you every thought, “If I just had _____, I would be happy”? You can fill in the blank with anything - a better: girlfriend, boyfriend, relationship with parents or another person, health, income, education, place to live, job, reassurance, secure retirement, etc. If you are realizing that you are not happy, you need to find out what is your deep desire that is causing this unhappiness. Loneliness? Worry? Fear? Depression? Hopelessness? . . .

At one point in my life, I thought I had everything I wanted. But, to my surprise, I started realizing that I was not happy. How could that be? My relationship with all my family was good. My boyfriend was nice. The educational program I was in at my university was just what I wanted. Finances weren’t great, but met my needs. What was wrong? Nothing that I could think of. This was unsettling and frightened me.

While wrestling with this dilemma, I started praying, “God, something’s not right. What’s wrong? I’m not happy.” The more I prayed, the more unhappy and dissatisfied I was. Finally, I decided to visit a church. As I was praying again, “God, something’s not right,” He gave me the answer! I heard myself say, “Something’s not right, something’s not right between You and me!” I was stunned at the revelation but decided I should press forward. So, I continued praying, “Come into my life the way it was meant to be.” My life changed instantly!



Do you seem to have everything that you think you want, but are still not happy? Could it be possible that if you did get everything you think you want, that you could find out that you still are not happy? Could it be that you have a spiritual hunger for a relationship with God? Nothing else can fill that void. If you already have one with Him, are you hungering for a deeper relationship?



1. If you have not yet received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you may be hungering for that **peace** that your sins are forgiven. For that **love** that our Heavenly Father is offering you. For that **joy**, that you can experience every time you are in His presence. You need to confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior. “if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised

Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Romans 10:9-10).

2. If you did receive Jesus, but for any reason, have left that relationship, you may be hungering for that spiritual vacuum to be filled. Come back to Him with a new obedience and commitment. David left God, this is his prayer when he wanted to return to. “For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, ... Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the **joy** of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit” (Psalm 51:3-4, 10-12).

3. If you still have a relationship with Jesus, but are not satisfied, it could be that He is calling you to a deeper, more powerful and dynamic one with Him. “that you may know what is the **hope** of His calling” (Ephesians 1:18). “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Psalm



42:2). “Now may the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

That was my situation. I was going to a Christian university and spending more time praying and reading the Bible. God was calling me closer to Him. In that moment, when I totally surrendered and said, “Come into my life as it was meant to be,” I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues. (This was not taught in my church.) But when He welled up inside of me, I felt as though I was filled with **love** and swimming in **love**. ‘because the **love** of God has been poured out in our hearts by the **Holy Spirit**’ (Romans 5:5).



It was “**joy** unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8). It was “the **peace** of God that passes understanding” (Philippians 4:7). “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy** in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). That was more than 50 years ago. That rich relationship with God still fills me daily, whenever I turn to Him and ask Him.

So, no matter where you are with God, you can fill your spiritual hunger by coming to Him and asking Him to “Come into your life the way it was meant to be.”

Suggested Prayers:

1. If you need salvation you may pray, “Dear Jesus, forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all my sinful ways. I repent from trying to live my life my way and ask You to be my Lord. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Right now, Jesus, I open my heart and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. I want to have a new vibrant relationship with God. In Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN!”

2. If you need to come back to Jesus you may pray, “Dear Jesus, I am sorry that I left You. I repent of my sins and ask You to help me repair our relationship. I do want you to be the Lord of my life as well as my Savior. Help me fulfill my God-given destiny. It’s not my will, but Yours that will be done in my life. In Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN!”



3. If you want a deeper walk with God and want the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you may pray, “Dear God, I am so hungry for more of You. Please, fill me with your Spirit, just like You did in the Bible to the early Christians. In Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN!” (Acts 2:4, 10:44-46, 19:6; 1 Corinthians 14:4-5).

Now that you have prayed, Jesus will start revealing Himself to you. But to steadily improve your relationship with God, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly. Daily, ask Him to become involved in your life and request His advice, direction, even correction. Obey Him when He reveals His will to you. Spend time with others who love God too. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and where you can fellowship with believers. We learn much about God from each other.



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