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- ◆ There are justifiable reasons for feeling unhappy - Luke 13:34; John 11:35; Mark 3:5
- ◆ There are those who think they are happy when they are actually “wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” - Rev. 3:17
- ◆ Our attitudes, choices and actions have consequences - to truly have a happy life, we **MUST** follow God’s word - 1 Pet. 3:10-12; Matt. 5:3-10



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HAVE A SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE

- ◆ Selfishness is the root of most if not all sin – 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Gal. 5:19-21

**Abortion – Fornication – Adultery –
Divorce – Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Lying
– Gambling**

- ◆ Selfishness destroys relationships and ultimately results in loneliness, sorrow and misery – James 3:13-4:4



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- ◆ **Christians should be concerned with the needs of others** – 1 Cor. 10:24; Phili 2:1-5
- ◆ **The key is love** – Mark 12:29-31; James 2:8; Gal. 5:14; 1 Cor. 13:1-8
- ◆ **It is more blessed to give than to receive** – Acts 20:35



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HAVE AN UNGRATEFUL ATTITUDE

- ◆ **Being unthankful leads people away from God** – Rom. 1:21
- ◆ **An unthankful person will never be a contented person** – Phili 4:6-13
- ◆ **A discontented person only brings harm to himself** – 1 Tim. 6:6-10
- ◆ **No wonder the NT stresses the need for thanksgiving** – 1 Thesw. 5:18



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BLAME OTHERS FOR YOUR FAULTS

- ◆ **A problem as old as humanity –
Gen. 3:9-19**
- ◆ **When one tries to soothe a guilty
conscience by shifting blame – he
actually increases his troubles –
1 Sam. 13:8-14; 15:13-23**
- ◆ **As hard as it is for many to accept,
most misery is self induced and self
maintained – Gal. 6:7-9**



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BEING UNMERCIFUL AND UNFORGIVING

- ◆ **Holding a grudge ensures misery –**
Mat. 18:21-35; Prov. 21:13
- ◆ **Anger, resentment, bitterness,
quarreling, hate and malice are the
reactions we experience when others
do us wrong –** Rom. 3:13-18; James
3:8-18; Eph 4:31.32
- ◆ **Such reactions destroy relationships**
– (Marriages, families, friendships)



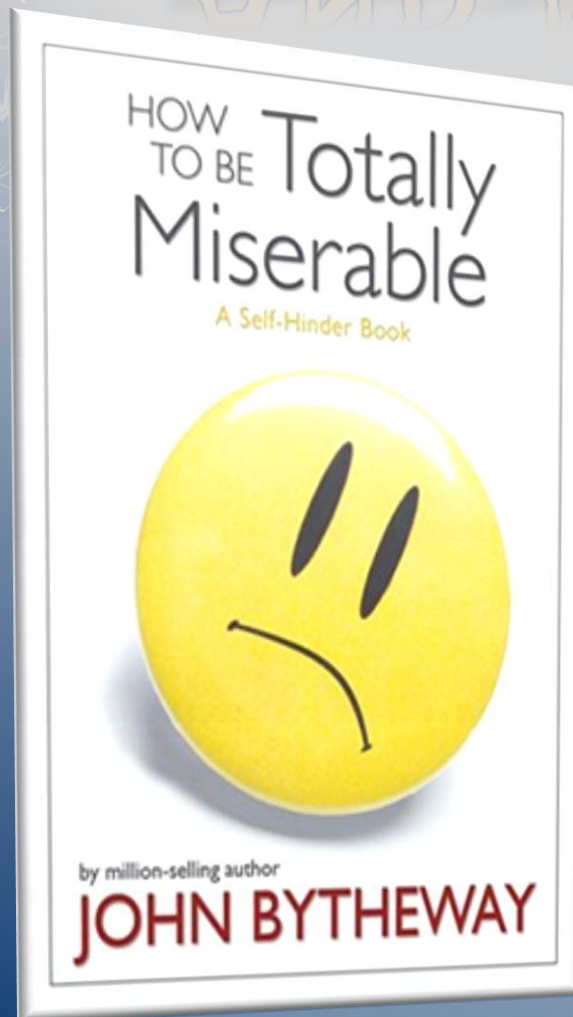
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LIVING OUTSIDE OF GOD'S WILL

- ◆ **Man's all is to fear God and keep His commandments – Eccl. 12:13,14**
- ◆ **When we fail to follow God's word we bring a curse upon ourselves – Deut 28:18-20; 2 Thes 1:7-9**
- ◆ **Blessings come to those who love God and keep His commandments – Deut. 30:15-20; Prov. 19:23; Luke 11:28; James 1:16-25**



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*The Lord is near to
the brokenhearted,
and saves the
crushed in spirit.*

Psalm 34.18

**THE KEY TO A
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