

## Because God Has A Sense of Humor



**When the Bible says to let  
tomorrow take care of itself  
so you live in the present**

## A devotion for the “big kids” too

### More Gladness Than Anyone Else (from <https://www.josh.org/resources/youth-family/daily-devotions/youth/>)

What would take to make you happy? Check any of the following that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ A new bike or car \_\_\_\_\_ My own room \_\_\_\_\_ Popularity  
\_\_\_\_\_ A boyfriend/girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ good friends \_\_\_\_\_ A nice house  
\_\_\_\_\_ No more school \_\_\_\_\_ A million dollars \_\_\_\_\_ A trip to Disney World  
\_\_\_\_\_ Good looks \_\_\_\_\_ A pet python

It would be nice, wouldn't it? After all, who wouldn't want a million dollars? Who doesn't want to get out of school? Who doesn't want to look like some model or movie star?

But you know what? Chances are, if you're not happy now, you probably won't be happy when school lets out either. If you're not satisfied with life now, you probably wouldn't be satisfied with a million dollars.

Oh, things could get better, that's for sure. Things can always get better. But the path to happiness and satisfaction doesn't involve riches or fame; believe it or not, it involves right choices.

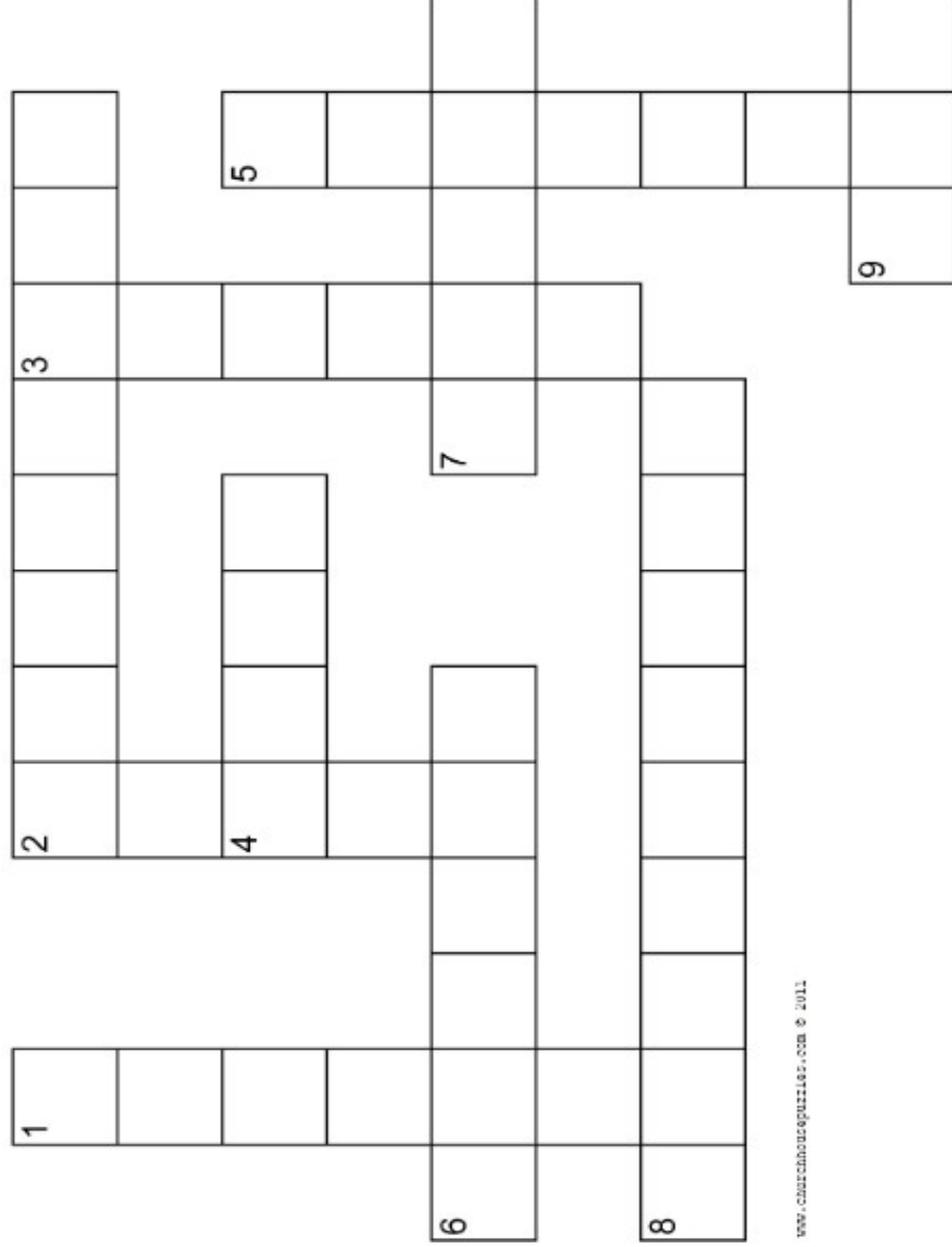
David, the psalmist, wrote, “You love what is good and hate what is wrong. Therefore God, your God, has given you more gladness than anyone else” (Psalm 45:7, tlb). That ancient songwriter said that loving what is good and hating what is wrong brings gladness into your life. God gives gladness-happiness-to those who love what's good and hate what's wrong.

That doesn't mean you'll never have a rotten day. It doesn't mean you'll never have to sit at home while others are out partying. But it does mean that over the long run (and sometimes even sooner), making right choices will tend to bring more happiness and satisfaction into your life than making wrong choices. It might not be a million dollars, but it's worth a whole lot more

**Have you given God a chance to give you gladness as a result of right choices? If not, ask him to teach you to “love what is good and hate what is wrong” and to show you in the coming days and weeks how your right choices open the way to greater happiness and satisfaction in your life.**

# People in the Bible

## 1 Samuel



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### ACROSS

- 2 David's best friend
- 4 First king of Israel
- 6 Last judge of Israel
- 7 A man after God's own heart
- 8 Gave David the showbread to eat
- 9 Fell off his seat backwards and broke his neck

### DOWN

- 1 Stood over nine feet tall
- 2 Shepherd from Bethlehem; his youngest son became king of Israel
- 3 Mother of the prophet Samuel
- 5 Brought food and supplies to David in the wilderness