"Living The Transformed Life"

Psalm 27

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An academic journal called *The Journal of Happiness Studies* publishes studies using the tools of research to identify what makes human life <u>flourish</u>. When researchers look at what distinguishes quite <u>happy</u> people from less <u>happy</u> people, one factor consistently separates those two groups. It is not how much money you have; it is not your health, security, attractiveness, IQ, or career success. What distinguishes consistently happier people from less happy people is the presence of rich, deep, joy-producing, lifechanging, <u>meaningful relationships</u>.

I) How To Live Fearlessly: (vs 1-3)

- A) Affirm God's strength in past victories.
- B) Learn to turn your <u>self</u>-talk into <u>faith</u> talk.
- II) How To Live <u>Confidently</u>: (vs 4-6)

- A) Worship feeds my confidence in God.
- B) Worship lifts us above our <u>stress</u>, <u>anxieties</u>, and Doubts.

III) How To Live <u>Courageously</u>: (vs 8-10)

- A) There is a sense of <u>safety</u> with your <u>parents</u> that gives you the courage to take <u>risks</u>.
- B) People who are socially disconnected are between two and <u>five times more likely to die from</u> any cause than those who have close ties to family, friends, and other relationships.

IV) How To Live Optimistically: (vs 13-14)

- A) Place your hope for the future in God, not man.
- B) Waiting on God is not doing nothing; it is <u>actively trusting</u>.