

Text: 2 Samuel 6:1-15  
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# Happiness & Christianity

## *Finding Joy In Serving a Dangerous God*



1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-5)

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-11)

3. Find \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.12-15)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion please call the church office at (949) 489-2600.

1. Though God often uses our feelings to confirm what is right and wrong in our lives, our feelings cannot always be trusted! Describe an experience in your life when you *felt* something was right and did it, only to discover that what you did, in fact, violated God's word.

On the other hand, describe a situation in which you *felt bad* about doing something that was clearly what God's word directed you to do.

2. It is easy to "feel good" about a decision when we are comparing our behavior to others instead of comparing our behavior to God's word. When have you justified your actions and "felt good" about a decision because you knew of others that were doing the same thing, seemingly without any negative consequences?

Read 2 Timothy 3:15-16. Obviously, this is God's ultimate guide to what is right and wrong. What are your current commitments to regularly consulting and studying God's word? How well are you doing at keeping these commitments?

3. When was the last time God "disciplined" you?

Read Hebrews 12:5. Have you ever been discouraged by God's discipline and allowed that painful event (see v.11a) to actually drive you further from doing what is right?

How would you counsel someone who is angry at God because of the Lord's discipline in their life?

4. Describe a "take 2" experience in your life. In other words, recount a time when you were happily doing what you felt was right only to be disciplined by God; and then, in response to the discipline, careful adjustments were made, your service continued, and your joy was even greater as a result.