

## “PLEASURE IN THE JOB—PUTS PERFECTION IN THE WORK”

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“He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.” {Proverbs 16:20}

Today’s article title is not from the Bible; it came from the philosopher Aristotle. Yet, there is definitely a spiritual application to this proverb. How can one do a worthy and commendable job as a Christian if he is unhappy in his work? Why do some Christians look at their spiritual lives as being full of work and devoid of any pleasure? Following are a few reasons why we should find happiness in being Christians?

**Forgiveness of our past sins.** “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” {Ephesians 1:7} Because we obeyed the gospel and contacted Christ’s blood, our past sins have been forgotten and forgiven! God affords every sinner an opportunity to start over, with a clean slate. He is willing to remit the condemnation and death that were due us because of our transgressions. There can be no greater reprieve!

**Children of the King.** “Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.” {1 Timothy 6:15} Do you understand that, because you’re a Christian, you are a child of the king over all the earth? We are in God’s family and household, with all the privileges and blessings due to sons and daughters. Truly, we’re members of the greatest family that ever existed!

**A promised inheritance.** “And if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” {Romans 8:17} We are promised wealth and riches beyond anything to be attained in this life. No more pain, sickness, death, or trouble with Satan. Every faithful child of God has the promise of eternal life with His Creator. How can we lead others to Christ if we look unhappy being a Christian? Let’s be happy doing His work. \*\*\*