

HOW
to be
HAPPY

IN AN UNHAPPY WORLD

Persecution



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Blessed

Happiness that comes
to the soul from being
favored by God

Realities about the Beatitudes

- These are not natural qualities
- These qualities require our active participation with the Grace of God
- These qualities are to be found in all Christians



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**Not blessed are the
persecuted but blessed
are those persecuted
for righteousness**

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**Righteous living will
always be experienced
by those outside as a
blessing or a threat**

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**Not only blessed are
those persecuted for
righteousness but also
for My sake**

Matthew 10: 22 - 23

22 You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



Compare these 2 statements

- God wants to make your life easier
- When Jesus calls a man, he bids him come and die



Acts 9: 16

16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.



Acts 5: 41

41 The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.



I Peter 4: 12

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.



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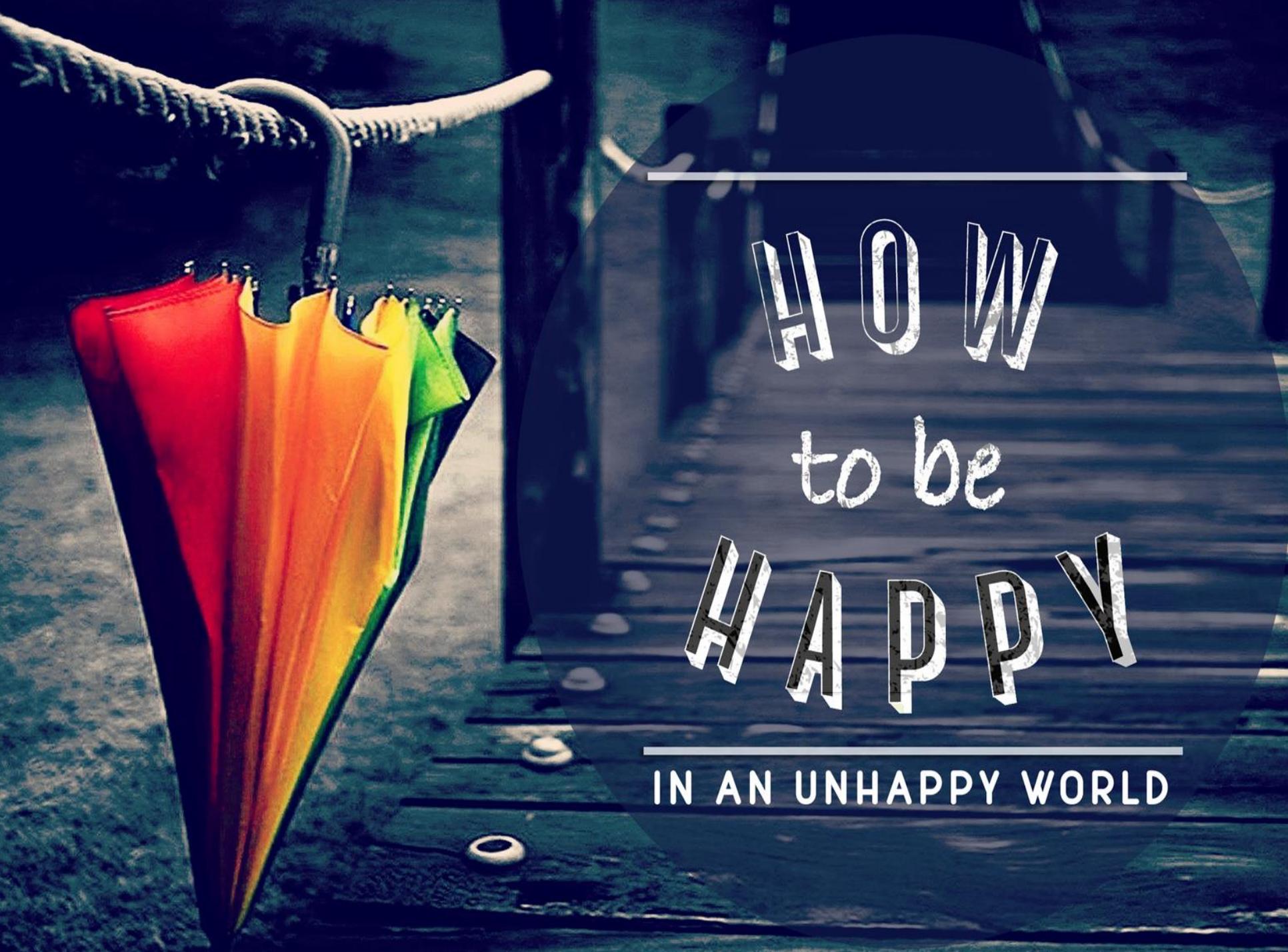
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How can we know Happiness?

- **Great is your reward in heaven**
- **You are in great company!**





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