SERENITY PRAYER - PART 7

Living the Serenity Prayer

"that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next."

"Why do you look for living among the dead?" Luke 24:5

REASONABLE happiness in this life

Happy Meal Mentality
The Pursuit of Happiness
Happiness is a Byproduct

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Matthew 19:21

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you."

Romans 8:11

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances... I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:10, 13

SUPREME happiness with God forever

Easter isn't just about your FUTURE; It is also about your PRESENT

Happiness in this life is like your **shadow**. *Run after it* and *you'll never catch it*. But <u>keep your face to the sun</u> and <u>it will follow you wherever you go.</u>

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference —living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace, taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right if I surrender to his will — that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.