

Have a Happy Day

Nehemiah 12:27-47

Introduction

How do I prepare for such a celebration?

1. I must purify myself. Vs. 30

Holiness must always precede happiness.

Proverbs 13:1, 15:31, 9:8-9

2. I must embrace joyful participation. Vss. 31 – 42

A few things about their participation:

1. The leaders led the way.
Joyful celebration is led by sanctified leaders.
2. There was action.
God was the audience watching this splendid display of celebration.
3. There was excitement.

Joy and happiness are not contingent upon my circumstances, but rather they're dependent upon the state of my heart.

Points of Challenge:

- By my daily demeanor, am I more apt to draw the people in my life to be more gloomy in their disposition, or do I make them more optimistic?
- Do I rely on my circumstances to decide whether to be happy or sad?