



**Shoes**  
**John 10:10-11; Romans 6:16**  
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**The Bottom Line:** Prioritize happiness over pleasure. You'll have both. Reverse it, and you'll have neither. Sin will be your master.

**Introduction:**

Something that breaks my heart, and consequently drives me to do what I do is when people undermine their own happiness. We are confused about the relationships between pleasure and happiness.

**Jesus was and is for you.**

Anybody who will die for you is **for** you.

“The **thief** comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy** (John 10:10).”

The thief is anyone or anything whose intent is to take what you value.

“I am my own worst enemy.”

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I** have come that **they** may have **life** and have it to the **full** (abundant life). I am the **good** shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life **for** the **sheep** (John 10:10-11).”

**You may be your own worst enemy, but you aren't your only enemy.**

Sin **separates**. Sin comes only to **steal** and **kill** and **destroy**. Sin ensnares.

At the center of most temptation is confusion about the relationship

between **pleasure** and **happiness**.

God created us with the capacity for both. It's not either/or. It's a question of priority. One leads to the other, but the other undermines the one.

**Happiness** leads to pleasure. **BUT**, prioritize pleasure over happiness and eventually you'll have neither.

Eventually, **pleasure** loses its **pleasure** and becomes a **prison**.

“Don't you **know** that when you **offer** yourselves to someone as obedient **slaves**, you are **slaves** of the one you **obey** – whether you are **slaves to sin**, which leads to **death**, or to **obedience**, which leads to **righteousness** (Romans 6:16)?”

According to Jesus, **sow** better to **reap** better to **feel** better.

**Application:**

Is there a **pleasure** that's undermining your **happiness**?

Is there a **pleasure** that's slowly taking you **prisoner**?

It's time to **trade** your sin for a good shepherd who will not drain you of life but offers you abundant life.

Prioritize happiness over pleasure!

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Memorize: John 10:10-11.**
- Prioritize happiness over pleasure.**
- List pleasures that undermine your happiness.**
- Make corrections: Make an action list with deadlines.**
- Come back next week for Part 6 of *What Makes You Happy*.**