



God Is A Killjoy

1st Myth: God has too many rules.

Truth: _____

*(Jesus) "You must **love the LORD** your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: '**Love your neighbor** as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (Matt 22:37-40)*

2nd Myth: God is against all the fun stuff.

Truth: God is _____ all the fun stuff.

*"Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us **all we need for our enjoyment**" (1 Tim 6:17)*

*"Every **good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift** is from above; it comes down from the Father" (James 1:17 Amp)*

3rd Myth: The Old Testament God seems angry.

Truth: God is made of _____.

*"the gospel of the glory of the **blessed (happy) God**" (1 Timothy 1:11)*
"the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold." (Neh 8:10 Amp)

1. Elation In His _____

*"The LORD **rejoices** in all he has made!" (Psa 104:31)*

*"when I laid the foundations of the earth... the morning stars sang together and all the **angels shouted for joy**" (Job 38:4,7)*

2. Pleasure In His _____

*"I will do all **my pleasure**" (Isa 46:10 Amp) "The LORD does whatever **pleases him**" (Psa 135:6)*

"Christ will be revealed from heaven by the **blessed (happy)** and only almighty God, the King of kings...To him be honor and power forever" (1 Tim 6:15, 16)

3. Gladness In His _____

"Great is the LORD, who **enjoys** helping his servant." (Psalm 35:27) "for the LORD will **delight in being good to you**" (Deut 30:9) "I will find **joy doing good for them**" (Jer 32:41)

"For it gives your Father **great happiness** to give you the Kingdom" (Luke 12:32)

4. Happiness _____

"The LORD...**delights** in the prayers of the upright." (Prov 15:8) "LORD... **delights** in those with integrity." (11:20) "LORD...**delights** in those who tell the truth." (12:22)

"Your new name will be...the Bride of God, for the Lord **delights in you** ... God will **rejoice over you** as a bridegroom rejoices over her bride." (Isa 62:4, 5)

4th Myth: Jesus is too serious.

Truth: Jesus is both _____.

"You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!" (Matt 23:24)

"You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion?" (Luke 11:11, 12)

"Well done... faithful servant!...Enter into and **share the joy (the delight, the blessedness)** which your master enjoys!" (Matt 25:23 Amp)
"Let's **celebrate together!**" (NLT)

Myth: Jesus' goal is my obedience.

I have to find joy on my own.

Truth: Jesus' goal is _____.

"For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit.**" (Rom 14:17)

(Jesus) "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me... I have told you this so that you will be **filled with my joy.** Yes, **your joy will overflow!**" (John 15:9-11)

"so my people can experience **my joy completed in them.**" (John 17:13 Msg)

Truth: My true joy is _____.

"Take **delight in the Lord**" (Psalm 37:4) "Always be full of **joy in the Lord.**" (Phil 4:4)
"I will go to the altar of God, to God—the **source of all my joy.**" (Psalm 43:3)

"You satisfy me more than the richest of foods. I will praise you with songs of **joy**" (Psa 63:5)

(Peter) "You **love (Jesus)**...though you do not see him, you trust him; and even now you are **happy with a glorious, inexpressible joy**" (1 Peter 1:8)