

We all know that financial deficits aren't good and that sleep deficits will lead to physical issues. Perhaps the worse deficit we have in our country is a play deficit. How often do you plan and participate in 3 dimensional activity that causes you to lose time and doesn't not provoke a productivity agenda? How often do we laugh for the point of just laughing.

PULL LEVER FOR FIRST CLIP

I'm indebted to Stuart Brown for getting me to consider this when I heard a podcast of his two years ago. Since then I've read anything I can get my hands on that he has said. One thing that he shows in one presentation is....

NY TIMES SCAN

ANCIENT PAINTING SCAN

I must admit and unfortunately admit that the person who enlightened me to the Biblical basis of play is someone who I don't think believes in the Bible. At least I have never heard him refer to it. I'm ashamed because as an avid Bible reader I have allowed myself to skim over the them of play and pleasure that is found in the Bible.

Genesis 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

Genesis 2:8-9

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

This is sometimes translated as beautiful, pleasing, merry

Play for Purity

Proverbs 16:11

You make known to me the path of life;

*in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Acts 14:17

Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Psalms 149:4-5

*For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.*

Psalms 16:11

You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 30:11

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness...

Ecclesiastes 9:7

Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do.

Play for Pleasure

I'm going down a linear outline in order to convince us of the need to play but isn't it odd that for many of us, we need to be convinced that play is a good thing. Whatever happened to having pleasure for pleasure sake?

Genesis 18:11-12

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?"

Cheap Thrills...

Nicknames

Throwing a Ball

Scaring People

There is an old line that families that pray together stay together. I believe that. I also believe that families that play together stay together.

PHOTO OF CAMPING TRIP (STILL TO COME)

The opposite of Play is... Depression

Play for Prevention

“Flow” and 3 Dimensional play. Not sitting on a yacht or staring at a slot machine or staring at a video game while you move your thumbs. But an actual immersive experience.

There are a lot of things that are true that aren't in the Bible. There is nothing of aeronautical science nor neuroscience. However, both are true and both are of God.

Philippians 2:13

it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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Proverbs 21:17

*Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man;
he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.*

Last time we gave out kazoo's and ½ of everyone said to me, “mine didn't work.” At first I apologized for them getting a dud. Then after the 10th person I realized that they didn't realize that you are to hum into a kazoo instead of blowing into a kazoo. When we don't innately know how to make noise from a kazoo it is a sign that we have lost the ability to play.

3 Dimensional play fires up the brain and forms new neural connections.

Hanging out with God should be like being with a playmate and not a dentist

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Go backwards and look at what was joyful.... Tree Houses and Bicycles.

Sleep, Dreams, eating, defecating, playing all have a biological place

3D dimensional

If I can't have fun with you, we aren't going to be friends.

Go back to childhood

The opposite of play is... Depression. Not work.

The Queen City was a very thirsty place in 1890. Cincinnati was the seventh-largest brewing town in America. But it led the nation in quaffing.

The city's Parisian image went to hell with the start of World War I and the dawn of Prohibition in 1920.

That change, in the words of Michael D. Morgan's upcoming book, "Over-the-Rhine: When Beer was King," helped rob Cincinnati of its image, its soul and its economy.

ADVANCE INTO SONG

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6. The 10 happiest countries on Earth: Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Canada, Israel, and Australia

Quantifying happiness isn't an easy task. Researchers at the Gallup World Poll went about it by surveying thousands of respondents in 155 countries, between 2005 and 2009, in order to measure two types of well-being.

First they asked subjects to reflect on their overall satisfaction with their lives, and ranked their answers using a "life evaluation" score from 1 to 10.

Then they asked questions about how each subject had felt the previous day. Those answers allowed researchers to score their "daily experiences"--things like whether they felt well-rested, respected, free of pain and intellectually engaged.¹⁰

C. S. Lewis put it like this in a letter to Sheldon Vanauken: "It is a Christian duty, as you know, for everyone to be as happy as he can."¹

It is pretty clear from Scripture that we are implored to pursue pleasure.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8).

"Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight."
(Psalm 43:4).

During the intense campaign season I am trying to be very intentional about play. I take time out to workout and that is the reason I don't do P90X. It is too much work.

In Genesis 1, after God created the earth and the fish, birds and animals, He declared that it was good.

Then after he created man, God commanded him ""Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."¹

In essence, I think God is saying, "Everything I created was good, now go enjoy it! All of this is for your enjoyment."

This was the condition of life in Eden.

“The main argument here is that pleasure is deep. What matters most is not the world as it appears to our senses. Rather, the enjoyment we get from something derives from what we think that thing is . . . For a painting, it matters who the artist was; for a story, it matters whether it is truth or fiction; for a steak, we care about what sort of animal it came from; for sex, we are strongly affected by who we think our sexual partner really is”

Paul Bloom, a psychology professor at Yale, wrote a book titled *How Pleasure Works* that explores pleasure from evolutionary and social perspectives.

What gives you pure and simple pleasure? What truly refreshes you? What helps you lay your cares down and get a fresh perspective on life? What enables you to step back into the daily routine of life with a new joy?

Examples of simple pleasures:

The Psalms revel in creation. We marvel at the unparalleled beauty of a sunrise and sunset, and even more at the Master Artist so creative that he will erase his art every day to begin again the next.

Sex should be on the list of pure pleasures. Sex has gotten a bad name due to its perversions in our society. But in the Bible, sex within marriage is an unstained, erotic joy. God made it, so it was good.

Food is a simple pleasure. For it we can say, “Thank you, God, for daily bread.”

Playing basketball, riding a motorcycle, enjoy coffee with friends, watching a movie. All of these are simple pleasures for us to enjoy.

What difficulties tempt you towards the guilty pleasures? Here are three broad categories:

- 1 . You are bored, lonely, with nothing to do
- 2 . You are stressed, frustrated, and worn out
- 3 . You are hurt, betrayed, and treated unfairly.

These tend to be situations that lead you away from innocent pleasures to the guilty ones. You grab for anything that will protect, soothe, comfort, or save you.

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The pleasure captures you

The activity is not sinful, but you become preoccupied with it. You obsess and fantasize about it. You can't wait to do it or have it.

I have known a lot of guys that are all about their video games. They sacrifice hours of sleep every night to play their games.

Social media is also an obsession for many people. They stay on Facebook for hours every day posting what brand of toilet paper they bought at the grocery store.

There is nothing wrong with video games or social media. But what if your mind is parked there too long? It takes up too much mental space. It becomes too important. Soon those pleasures don't just take mental space; they require action. You become compulsive about it. It owns you. It masters you.

In 1 Corinthians 6:12 Paul says, "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything.

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The pleasure is hidden

If you are intentionally hiding the pleasure, that is a real tip off that the innocent thing has become guilty.

There are no secrets before the Lord.

Blaise Pascal – "All men seek happiness..."

"All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves."

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Sunday churchgoing makes women happier than shopping, researchers claim³

A new study reports that U.S. women who go to church instead of shop on Sundays are generally happier and claims that part of the overall decline in women's happiness is explained by a decline in religious participation. Further, the study cited the repeal of

from EWTN News article on Sept 2, 2010 <http://www.ewtnnews.com/new.php?id=1549>

laws which restrict Sunday business as a reason for the decrease in the level of religious participation.

Dr. Danny Cohen-Zada, an economics professor at Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), collaborated in the study with DePaul University economics professor William Sander.

Prof. Cohen-Zada said the researchers found "direct evidence that religious participation has a positive causal effect on a person's happiness."

"Furthermore, an important part of the decline in women's happiness during the last three decades can be explained by decline in religious participation," he continued.

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Excerpts from an article in Psychology Today

Laughter establishes--or restores--a positive emotional climate and a sense of connection between two people, who literally take pleasure in the company of each other. Of course levity can defuse anger and anxiety, and in so doing it can pave the path to intimacy.

Among some of Dr. Bovine's surprising findings: The much vaunted health benefits of laughter are probably coincidental, a consequence of it's much more important primary goal: bringing people together. In fact, the health benefits of laughter may result from the social support it stimulates.

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Zappos.com is an online retail that makes over \$1 Billion in gross merchandise sales every year. In 2009 Zappos was listed as one of Fortune magazine's top 25 companies to work for and Amazon acquired it later that year for over \$1.2 billion.

Their mission is to 'deliver happiness to the world.'

In his book, CEO Tony Hsieh tells us about the Happiness Framework. There are 3 types of Happiness – Pleasure, Passion and Higher Purpose.

Hsieh illustrates that each of these types lasts for a different amount of time, and can give you a different level of happiness as a result. Since a higher purpose gives you the longest lasting happiness, it makes sense that you should spend more time pursuing this, and then look for the other types as icing on the cake.

When you're part of something that is bigger than yourself that has meaning to you, you

are happiest.

Under that paradigm, anyone who is a part of Crossroads should be the happiest people in the City of Cincinnati. I believe that is a small part of why attendance is continually growing around here.

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Seek work and leisure that engages your skills. Happy people often are in a zone called "flow"—absorbed in tasks that challenge but don't overwhelm them. The most expensive forms of leisure (sitting on a yacht) often provide less flow experience than gardening, socializing, or craft work.

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5 . Join the "movement" movement. An avalanche of research reveals that aerobic exercise can relieve mild depression and anxiety as it promotes health and energy. Sound minds reside in sound bodies. Off your duffs, couch potatoes.

6 . Give your body the sleep it wants. Happy people live active vigorous lives yet reserve time for renewing sleep and solitude. Many people suffer from a sleep debt, with resulting fatigue, diminished alertness, and gloomy moods.

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Exodus 5:1

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.

These festivals would later come to be institutionalized. Some of them would last for 7 days or longer. They would clean out their food provisions and anyone who was in the area whether of the nation of Israel or not was welcome.

We work hard at Crossroads. That is part of why we are gaining a lot of traction. In fact, let's give a shout out for our Mason campus that has grown 24% in the last 12 months. We work hard but we also want to have times of celebration and play. Everytime we have a volunteer celebration and if we have beer and wine I'll read this verse from the Bible.

Deuteronomy 14:24-26

But if that place is too distant and you have been blessed by the LORD your God and cannot carry your tithe (because the place where the LORD will choose to put his Name is so far away),²⁵ then exchange your tithe for silver, and take the silver with you and go to the place the LORD your God will choose.²⁶ Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice.

Let me remind you... this is the ornery "God of the Old Testament." That being is a figment and misinterpretation of the uneducated theorist. How many people are talking about this verse in the Bible? We afraid of it. We are afraid of what might happen if we gave people the chance to bask in fun.

I start working from home at 7:30. I get into the office by 9 and I leave at 6:15 Monday through Thursday. When you add that to being on stage Saturday and Sunday and make adjustments for working out or adding an evening meeting, my normal workweek is 55 hours. For me, I don't think God cares too much if I'm working 40 hours or 60 hours. However, He cares a lot if I'm not resting and playing.

I TEND TO BE PARANOID AND DOWN ON ANYTHING THAT ISN'T PRODUCTIVE

- Dog
- iPad

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It is easy for me to approve the purchase of a deep spiritual memento. In the same way we give you a key... or a You need to remember that God has given you pointless pleasure as a sign of his lavish love. Unless you notice that a lack of pleasure and laughter will hurt you emotionally and physically.

If I'm not resting and playing then I'm acting as everything rests on me. I'm acting as if God doesn't have lavish resources to pour over into every situation. I'm assuming that everything rises and falls on my own resourcefulness as opposed to his resourcefulness. We need to lay down the burden of our perceived omnipotence.

GARY THOMAS PURELY PLEASURE SCAN

Lavish Pleasure Is That Which

Feels Good

I need to be working hard AND I need to be playing hard. What I mean by playing hard is being intentional about being fully lost in something. I'm not talking about partying hard the way some of us do. Playing hard as in having having a bunch of shots won't recuperate you. You won't feel God's presence. I'm not anti-gambling but I am anti old people staring mindlessly at a slot machine. That is a sad and unpleasurable sight. Playing hard isn't going into a strip club or watching TV for 5 hours straight. Those things to quicken our senses and give us a greater zest for life. They don't give us a jump in our step.

1 Timothy 6:17-18

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I spend a lot of money in giving. The biggest chunk of money we spend is on our mortgage and barely behind that amount is our giving. And the thing that would probably surprise you most is how much I spend on having fun.

MOTORCYCLE VIDEO

Causes Me to Lose Time

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Play appears purposeless. It produces pleasure and joy. It leads one to the next stage of mastery. It appears to be the product of divinely superfluous neurons.

Dr. Stuart Brown of the National Institute of Play

Science not tells us that those of us who don't play are fixed and rigid in our responses to complex stimuli. Since we don't seek out novelty and newness we have less ability to adapt. Our emotional and physical nimbleness is directly tied to our aptitude to play.

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We have difficulty with anything that is purposeless. If you are at all like me you feel like if something isn't about purpose or production then it is useless. Aside from the Bible the greatest selling Christian book of all time is "Purpose Driven Life." I feel guilty when I relax. I feel guilty when I splurge on myself. We are in the market for a new dog and I am naturally drawn to figure out how much that dog will cost me and ask myself whether that money shouldn't go instead to hungry people.

These are all good questions to have. These leanings are part of what make us human and part of having lives that produce things of value. But today we are going to look at the other side of the coin. We are going to look at what it is like to experience the full bandwidth of life and that includes purposeless pleasure.

There are parts of the brain that get lit up by three dimensional movement. And all evidence says that movement promotes learning.

What do you do that brings timelessness and purposelessness?

Renews My Energy

I have some pleasure that is stupid pleasure. On Thursdays when I'm hunkered down trying to hit my notes deadline I'll need to take a pleasure break. This usually consists of me going out into the office area and just trying to find ways to have fun and laugh. This past Thursday the way I did that was by taking a radiator hose and hitting the back of the chairs. I think I know which ones will laugh and which ones would sue me. That unexpected laughter renews energy.

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PLEASE GET ME A PIC OF HIM. THE CROTCHETYIER THE BETTER

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FAMILY GUY CLIP

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Reminds Me that God is Good

James 1:16-17

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

"GOD IS IN A GOOD MOOD" PIC

Jesus talks regularly of the Kingdom of God a Party not an assembly line. In fact, the first miracle He does is to extend a party. The wine steward comes tastes what He has created while the reception is days old and says...

Matthew 2:12

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

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Oddly, people who deny themselves pleasure negatively labeled as "Puritanical." However, the Puritans and Pilgrims actually lived pleasure filled lives. The first permanent building erected at Plymouth Rock was a brewery. I'm not wanting to encourage anyone to drink alcohol. That is a bad choice for a lot of us. But what I am trying to do is to get us to notice this lie that God and his followers disdain pleasure.

The puritans were also known to publicly discipline husbands who failed to meet the sexual needs of their wives. They would put their wrists in stocks in the public square. They not only enjoyed reading books, but also making music, swimming, ice skating, hunting, fishing, archery, and bowling.

Please drop your Kazoo's back in the box so they can be reused as did the people from the previous service.

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Acts 14:17

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PLEASURE SERIES

When I obey, I am bringing God pleasure. Laboring to pull off a surprise party is enjoyable because you are imagining the pleasure that it is going to bring.

Do searches on Play, Pleasure, delight

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On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples put their faith in him.

¹²After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.¹

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In other words, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and then all other things will be added as well (Matthew 6:33). Do you want a life of pleasure? Order your life on the basis of Matthew 6:33. That's where you'll find true, lasting pleasure.

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Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. 11 And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of

men!" 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, 15 "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. 16 In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." 18 Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

Taste Buds

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DOGS BRING PLEASURE

VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

"GOD IS IN A GOOD MOOD" PIC

Kingdom of God is a Party not a funeral.

On the count of 3, laughter.