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Dear Member,

A shop where you can buy happiness?

If we could sell happiness as a commodity, it would have been a very lucrative business venture. The world desperately needs it. The rationale behind consumerism is that possession of products provides happiness viz. a new car is a sheer driving pleasure, wearing new apparel is exciting, switching on a surround sound system is exhilarating and sitting down to a mouth-watering meal is appealing. Since we were toddlers and could open our Christmas presents with expectations, we have delighted in the act of giving and receiving.

The world is rediscovering the human worth of happiness; positive psychology is in essence the theory of happiness. It concerns itself with the benefit of a positive happy mood for enhanced human functioning, interaction, and mental and physical well-being. Accordingly, counsellors are trained to help clients cultivate joy and happiness. Professionals who can succeed at this, are the most successful helpers.



Happiness is in stock

In speaking to these counsellors, it becomes evident that happiness is lived and not thought out. It cannot really be bought but can be cultivated. Albert Camus was right when he admonished: "You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."



It seems that if we simply go with the flow, and enter into the zone, we can resonate with happiness for we are hardwired to pursue it and strike the harmony for "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." (Mahatma Gandhi).

Rationalisation seems to suppress happiness as Ernest Hemmingway observed: "Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know." People often strip themselves of happiness by overly complaining, constantly worrying and fault-finding. I know life is sometimes a hill, a bumpy road and a dark place. The only antidote is happiness and you and we, as counsellors do have a shop that sells happiness. But, this happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions. (Dalai Lama). This is the kind of counselling that conquers doom and gloom; it is the quality of service that sells and makes a difference. Remember, counsellor, We do have products 'to sell' and it is something precious that you cannot buy in a shop. Make use of it and bring about that difference.

Appreciate you all,

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