



## DGM Message Summary: Stop Hiding

Topic: "God Wants You to Be Happy – Here's How"

**Message Summary:** In order to live the life God has planned for us, we have to stop hiding and start living. The secret to getting ahead and living a fulfilled life is getting started. God has given us everything we need to succeed and to find peace and happiness in our lives, but we have to use those gifts and talents he gave us. We have to surrender to His will and not be afraid to come out of the dark into light.

### Scriptural References:

- Matt 16:27
- Matthew 25:14, 16, 18, 20-21, 26-30

### Key Points:

- If you're not challenged, you're not growing.
- Today, decide to count your blessings and not your troubles.
- Each star has its own brilliance, but what makes the sky beautiful, is they all shine together.
- The kingdom of Heaven is like winning the Super Bowl, every single person on the winning team receives over 100,000 dollars. I don't care if I shine the brightest, I just want to be on the team. You are part of making that night sky as beautiful as it is.
- God does not give gifts arbitrarily. When we criticize the gifts others have, we are ultimately criticizing God's judgement.
- In the Kingdom of heaven, if you don't know how to receive, then you're not going to be able to receive.
- "You can't pour a gallon into a six-ounce cup."
- Your ability to receive determines the extent of your ability to administer. Lord help me handle more. Help me to receive more. You want more stuff, but if you can't handle it, it will end up on the floor.
- If you never use your gifts, you'll never experience the benefits of having them.
- Our dreams won't work until we do.
- A lot of us are legends in our own minds, thinking I'm the greatest. I say prove it. Do something with it.
- Use what you have, to get what you want.
- Only poor craftsmen blame their tools.

- Though our churches have to be non-profit, the kingdom is not.
- The church was not created to keep us busy, it was to make us productive.
- You have to get through the hard part of life to get to the blessings and the good stuff.
- We must trust God, even when his answer is wait.
- God loves us equally, but does not reward us equally. God's love is unconditional, but his rewards are based on our faithfulness.
- Our salvation is not based on our works, but our rewards are.
- When we know better, we ought to do better.
- Don't store your treasures on Earth. Put your treasure in Heaven. My reward is not in this life, but my true blessings and rewards are in Heaven.
- Those who get the greatest rewards are those closest to Jesus.
- God is excited about us. He celebrates us. He looks for opportunity to celebrate and praise his children.
- We will never finish what we don't start.
- The secret to getting ahead is getting started.
- Big things come out of doing small things well.
- It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.
- Unrealistic expectations have destroyed more marriages than adultery.
- People think a wonderful life is just supposed to drop out of Heaven. You just show up and it happens.
- Happiness is spelled W-O-R-K. Everything of value is typically on the other side of hard. If it's worth it, it's going to be hard.
- The problem isn't always what you're doing. It's what you're not doing. Sin is not always what you do, but what you neglect to do.
- Laziness causes us to think: If it's not easy,... it's not for me.
- Sometimes people think that because they run into some problems or challenges, then it must not be of God.
- When you live by faith, you're going to have to deal with some pressure.
- Sometimes we have to face what scares us until it doesn't.
- I had to get over me to bless my Lord.
- You need to stop hiding and start living.
- We'll never finish what we don't start.
- The problem isn't always inability, it's sometimes unwillingness.
- Use it or lose it. Why should God give us anymore, if we're not already working with what we have.
- If you want more from God, first do more with what you have.
- Excuses are the fastest road to nowhere.