

**Baccalaureate Address**  
**Fultondale High School**  
**June 1, 1985**  
**2:30 P. M.**

Introduction:

- A. Postman in Selmer, Tenn: "Which way was I going"?
- B. Many whom I have had to deal with:
  - 1. "I am just trying to find myself".
  - 2. "I just want to be happy."
- C. Three things all seem to want and need:
  - 1. A sense of Dignity - of being somebody.
  - 2. A sense of Direction - Some pupose for living.
  - 3. A sense of Happiness - of making life liveable.

Discussion:

**I. For a sense of Dignity, Consider the creation. (Acts 17).**

- A. "Off Spring of God"
- B. "Little lower than angels" (Heb. 2:6,7).
- C. Creation for sensible than evolution.

**II. For a sense of Direction, Consider looking up.**

- A. "In Him we live move and have our being."
- B. "Not in man that walks to direct his own steps" (Jer. 10:23)
- C. Humanism may appeal to some - but not real direction.
  - 1. If each decides own morality - What of Hitler.
  - 2. If each decides own then world is less safe.

**III. For as sense of happiness - consider the nature of real happiness.**

- A. Real happiness is not absolute and total. - Happiest people have sad moments.
- B. Real happiness is both because of good things and inspite of bad.
- C. Real happiness does not come from making happiness your goal. (Matt. 16:25).

Conclusion:

- A. It is my prayer that you will find happiness with a sense of dignity and direction.