Baccalaureate Address
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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.

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 despite 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.