

The Fruit of the Spirit

Joy



GOD IS A JOYFUL GOD!



Zephaniah 3:17 NCV

The Lord your God is with you; the mighty One will save you. He will rejoice over you. You will rest in his love; he will sing and be joyful about you.



Hebrews 12:2 NIV

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



GOD WANTS YOU TO
HAVE JOY!



Romans 15:13 NIV

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



John 16:24 ESV

Until now you have asked nothing
in my name. Ask, and you will
receive, that your joy may be full.



John 15:9-11 ESV

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.



Reflection

- Joy is a good advertisement for God
- Joy is your strength

“Do not grieve, for the joy of the lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10 NIV

- Joy is good for you

A joyful heart is a good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 ESV



*How can we experience more
joy?*

Joy is a byproduct of being
born again and staying close
to Jesus.



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



Luke 15:11-16 NIV

Jesus continued; "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

Joy isn't out there
somewhere – it's right
here.



Psalm 16:11 Amp.

You will show me the path of life; In
Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your
right hand there are pleasures
forevermore.



Joy is in the Presence, not
the Presents!



Psalm 137:1-3

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when
we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we
hung our harps, for there our captors asked us
for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How
can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a
foreign land?



True Joy is independent of
circumstances.



About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose.



2 Cor. 7:4 Amp.

I am overflowing with joy in spite of all
our trouble.



2 Cor. 4:8-9 Holman

We are pressured in every way but not
crushed; we are perplexed but not in
despair; we are persecuted but not
abandoned; we are struck down but not
destroyed.



Habakkuk 3:17-18 NLT

Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!



Psalm 4:7

You have put more joy in my heart than
they have when their grain and wine
abound.

