
S_____joy.

Matthew 6:33 ...but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well.

Examples of daily opportunities for joy:

Knowing you are a part of God's eternal plan.

Being engaged in furthering His kingdom in the people around you, or in some cases in people halfway around the world.

Having the opportunity to bring pleasure to the heart of God.

Relating to others today in ways that represent how Jesus would relate to them. Giving people a taste of joy, your delight in them, loving them, the sharing of your real life with them.

Stepping out in faith by taking the initiative with people, sharing a little piece of your faith story as God gives opportunity, serving someone, being a blessing, etc.

Joy is more discovered through trials as I connect with God deeper and reflect Him well to others in spite of my trials.

*Psalm 16:11 You have made known to me **the path of life**; you will fill me with joy in **your presence**, with **eternal pleasures** at your right hand.*

Key: p.1: Assurance; persevere; p.2: Anticipation; Spiritual; centrality.
p.3: Spiritual. Shared. p.4: Sacrificial.

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Joy

The Fruit of the Spirit—pt. 2

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*Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

A_____joy (vs. happiness)

*James 1:2 **Count it all joy**, my brethren, when you meet various trials,
³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.
⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Joy is a settled assurance that enables us to
p_____well through trials and pain.

_____joy.

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4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.*

Hebrews 12:2 ... looking to Jesus the pioneer 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.

S_____joy--(1st things)

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Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Endurance—>Character—>Hope—>God's love poured

S_____joy.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.
