

3. By _____ His commands.

John 15:10-12 NIV

¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

4. By the _____ we speak.

Proverbs 15:23 NIV

²³ A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

5. By _____.

Philippians 4:4 NIV

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

6. By growing in _____.

Isaiah 29:19 NIV

¹⁹ The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD,

7. By giving ourselves _____.

I Thessalonians 2:19-20 NIV

¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

Romans 15:13 NIV

¹³ 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.

Notes: _____



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Luke 2:9-11 NIV

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Happiness	Joy
Triggered by something something _____ _____	Triggered by
Due to favorable circumstances wellbeing What is _____ _____	Due to emotional What you
_____ on things going right	_____ things going wrong
Temporary, _____ duration, _____	Unlimited
Realm in which the enemy seeks to	Realm in which the

Spirit

Experienced _____

Must be discovered /

Emotion

Attitude

Natural force

Spiritual force

If we chase after the temporary happiness, we risk being deceived and forsaking something that is even more valuable and powerful – His joy.

Notes: _____

The Joy Factor

The joy of the Lord is the difference maker in the life of the believer. It is a major contributing factor that moves us from striving to success!

1. It is a _____ of the Kingdom.

Romans 14:17 NIV

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,

2. It is a _____ or fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 NIV

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

3. It is the power to _____.

Nehemiah 8:10 NIV

¹⁰The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Of all of the fruit of the Spirit, joy is the most _____ because the power to overcome is joy's main attribute.

4. It grants us _____ to His benefits.

Isaiah 12:2-3 NIV

²Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Notes: _____

The Greatest Demonstration of Joy in Operation

Hebrews 1:9 NIV

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

The Cross that was set before Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 NLT

²Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Notes: _____

Jesus endured the most shameful form of death at the cross to reveal the greatest display of strength and confidence.

The Race that is set before Us

James 1:2-3 NLT

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

Ways to Obtain or Increase Joy

1. By staying in the Lord's _____.

Psalm 16:11 NIV

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

2. By meditating on _____.

Jeremiah 15:16 NIV

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.