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***A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ***

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## INTRODUCTION:

### FINDING HAPPINESS:

Many people in the world today are trying various methods to find “Happiness”. Some of the methods being tried are through the use of drugs, alcohol, pornography, illicit sex, etc. (1 Samuel 25:36-38 Galatians 5:19-21 1 Timothy 5:6) Many are trying to find “Happiness” by obtaining wealth, or power, or by obtaining lots of toys such as fancy cars, large houses, boats, etc. (Luke 8:11,14,18 Luke 12:16-20 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 6:17 2 Timothy 3:1-4) Others are trying by immersing themselves in their careers, or in education, or knowledge, etc. (1 Cor 8:1-2 1 Peter 1:17-19) There are others that are studying different religions, thinking that one of them might bring them ‘Happiness’. (Proverbs 14:12-13)

Some people have even turned to crime, cheating, or lying in their pursuit of “Happiness”. (2 Peter 2:10-15)

It may be true that some of these things might make you feel “Happy” temporarily, but like all things of the world, they soon become commonplace, get old and wear out. Eventually you return to your original state of lack of interest or boredom, and once again you no longer feel “Happy”. (Luke 6:25 Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 Job 20:4-5)

I believe this is because ‘True’ “Happiness” is not an emotion that comes from a reaction to our circumstances; but rather is a ‘positive attitude’ that we possess in our ‘hearts’ regardless of the circumstances that surround us. This ‘positive attitude’ of “Happiness” can only come from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

A good example of this is the people in the Philippines, especially the children. In our many Missionary journeys to the Philippines we have discovered that even though it is a third world country and most of the people are very poor, they seem to possess the ability to maintain a very “Happy” attitude. I believe this is because it is a Christian (Catholic) country and they maintain Christian values. They are family oriented and enjoy each other’s companionship. The big children take care of the little ones and the older family members live with them in their homes. They also love education and enjoy going to school.

Contrary to this are other countries such as Japan. Japan is a very work and career-oriented country and the people do not seem to be very “Happy”. Many of their population work seven days a week and some do not even take vacations. They are very concerned with education and most want to be College Graduates, however this is to further their job and career opportunities. Although they have strong family ties, they are very formal in their relationships one with another.

In Japan there are very few Christians. During World War II their belief was that their Government Leader was a God. Since the fall of that government, they seem to have forgotten this and now they have almost no religious beliefs other than worldly success.

The suicide rate in Japan is very high, whereas it is very low in the Philippines. I believe the main difference in these two countries is specifically related to the lack of Christian beliefs in Japan.

## **THE CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE:**

Most medical experts in the world today agree that it is very important for people to “Be Happy”. The problem is they **do not** have the answers on ‘How To’ “Be Happy” and **how to maintain** that “Happiness”.

This is because they do not understand that in order to maintain a **continuous state** of “Happiness”, a person **must** have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This is because when we invite Jesus into our heart, He enters into our heart and gives us the ability to maintain a **continuous state** of “Happiness”.

The world today is becoming more violent, more confused, and less “Happy”, and it is imperative that we as Christians **set an example** for people who are looking for the answers on ‘How To’ “Be Happy”.

This is why instead of walking around with a long face, as many Christians often do, we need to display the confidence we have in knowing the Lord Jesus Christ by consciously smiling and always remembering to “Be Happy”. We are the only ones with the answers on ‘How To’ “Be Happy”, and many people are drawn to us by our personality, our positive attitude, and our countenance that we display. This in turn gives us the opportunity to witness to them about the Lord Jesus Christ, and to explain that He is the one that gives us this ability to “Be Happy” through God the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17)

## **AUTHOR'S COMMENT:**

As a former Football Coach, I have found that there are many similarities in Coaching and in Ministry. When our Football Team was ‘up tight’ before the start of a Game, the final advice I would give them was to ‘Go out and have Fun’. I believe this is good advice for those that are ‘serving’ the Lord in Ministry. Many times when we are ‘serving’ the Lord we let ourselves become ‘up tight’. This may cause us to have contorted facial expressions and look like we are in pain. The result may be that we look as though we dislike or do not “Enjoy” what we are doing. This can leave a negative impact on those we are ministering to and/or those that we are ministering with.

If we are truly called by God to do His work and we know we are in the right position, then why not go out and have Fun? Amen! (Ephesians 3:7 Colossians 3:23 1:10)

## **QUOTATION:**

I do not usually list quotations from other people, but here is one that I feel has some good insight on ‘How To’ “Be Happy” and is appropriate for this Study.

Written by Motivational Speaker, Og Mandino, it states:

- Realize that true Happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside.
- Remember that there is no Happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug.
- Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

## **I. LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS:**

In America most people believe it is **our right** to be able **to pursue** “Happiness”. This is only partially true and **our right to pursue** “Happiness” in America could **easily** be taken away at any time.

This is why it is important to depend on God for our “Happiness” and not the country we live in. No matter where we live, God is willing and able to impart “His Happiness” into us through God the Holy Spirit.

(The following are some excerpts from ibook.com)

**Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Are these unalienable rights in the US Constitution?**

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are principals by which most Americans feel their government and country were founded upon. These unalienable rights are obviously set forth in the most important document in American history, the document most cited by the Supreme Court, the legal underpinning of the United States, the **US Constitution**, correct? A quick scan of the **Bill of Rights** should reveal them. **No?** Hmm, they must be in **the preamble**. **No**, not there either. Later **amendments**, **no**.

**Although it may seem unbelievable to many, the phrase "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" does not appear in the US Constitution.** Where then are those rights guaranteed to the people of the United States (and in turn people that are affected by the United States)?

The answer appears to be, **nowhere**.

The original phrase "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" was set forth in the **US Declaration of Independence**. It was an idea at the heart of the American Revolution, but one that did **not** find its way into the **US Constitution**. **As such, these rights are not legally protected by the federal government.**

**What about the fifth and fourteenth Amendments?**

Although the fifth and fourteenth Amendments, prohibit the federal government and any state from depriving a person of "life, liberty, or property, without due process", **nothing** in the **US Constitution** specifically sets forth "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" as unalienable rights which the federal government cannot take away. A prohibition on denying someone due process prior to denying them "life, liberty or property" does **not** equate to establishing "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness".

**Are the unalienable rights guaranteed by the US Government?**

There appear to be **no** federal statutes that contain or specifically set forth these rights, nor any majority Supreme Court decision that espouses these rights as a basis for their decision making (probably due in large part to their **omission** from the **US Constitution**). This does not however mean that such rights should not be protected and guaranteed by the United States government.

The ninth Amendment, which states simply "the enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people", was placed in the Constitution to guard against the notion that "those rights which were not singled out in the Constitution, were to be assigned into the hands of the General Government, and were consequently insecure".

**Can the Supreme Court recognize the unalienable rights?**

The Supreme Court has at times appeared to acknowledge this **deficiency** in the **US Constitution** in decisions made since the adoption of the **Bill of Rights**. These fundamental rights, such as privacy, are determined by the traditions and collective conscience of our people to determine whether a principal is so rooted as to be ranked as fundamental. By basing the notion of "fundamental" rights on "traditions and collective conscience", the Supreme Court relies on **concepts that are not static that can, and will, change over time making them by definition not unalienable**. While the Supreme Court has concluded that the **Bill of Rights** is not exhaustive of rights to be protected, consistent with Madison's conception of the ninth Amendment, they have **not** concluded that there are unalienable rights so "fundamental" **that they can never be changed** and must be protected by and from the government. With the words "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" so clearly set forth in the **Declaration of Independence**, why the Supreme Court has not turned to it, one of the founding documents of the United States, is at best puzzling.

## **II. WHY AND HOW TO BE HAPPY:**

The following Chapter explains ‘Why’ and ‘How’ it is important to “Be Happy”. ‘Why’ it is important to “Be Happy” is because it is a scientific fact that “Laughter” derived from “Happiness” produces all kinds of positive and healthy effects on the mind and the body. “Laughter” actually helps the body to produce endorphins, which in turn relieve pain and strengthens the immune system. A good “Laugh” can reduce stress and anxiety, improve lung capacity, encourage relaxation, and helps to boost self-confidence.

(The following are some excerpts about Stress and “Laughter” taken from laughtertherapy.com)

It is believed today that stress is the #1 problem in the USA in the workplace, in schools, and in the homes.

It is estimated that:

- \$300 billion per year is paid out for Stress-related compensation claims in the work place.
- 75% of doctor’s visits are for Stress-related conditions.
- 8 of the top 10 prescription drugs are for Stress-related conditions.
- 100 million Americans suffer from Stress-related chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and cancer.
- Stress is directly associated with depression, anxiety, asthma, alcohol and drug addictions and other conditions that affect the nervous and immune systems.

It is believed that “Laughter” can:

- Boost morale and motivate people.
- Build trust and strengthen bonds between people.
- Build resilience.
- Create rapport with our family, friends and co-workers.
- Deflect criticism.
- Help with communication and attention skills.
- Help to control conflicts.
- Reduce burnout, tension, frustration, and anger.
- Strengthen memories of things you want to remember.
- Help you keep a positive attitude.
- Help keep everyday problems in the proper perspective.

With all these things in mind, it is obvious that as Christians Leaders we do not only have the ability and answers to overcome all of these problems and obstacles, but we have a responsibility **to teach** the ‘Body of Christ’ ‘**How To**’ “Be Happy”. In turn it is up to the ‘Body of Christ’ **to be** the answer to these problems by **daily displaying** our “Happiness” wherever we are, whether at home, in the workplace, in school, or in Church. Why not give your face a break and put on a smile today! 😊 Amen!

## **III. WORDS THAT ARE SYNONYMOUS WITH HAPPINESS:**

In order to more fully understand ‘How To’ “Be Happy”, we need to look at the words in the Bible that are synonymous with the word “Happiness”. These words are: Happy, Glad, Glad Tidings, Joy, Rejoice, Merry, Cheer, Laughter, Delight, Please and Blessed.

## **THE SCRIPTURES:**

The following are some of the Scriptures that reveal how and why these Words are synonymous. You will notice that the majority of these Scriptures are synonymous with “Being Happy” because of the role that God plays in our Christian life.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about ‘**How To**’ ‘**Be Happy**’:

### **Ps 144:15**

15 ...**happy** is that people, whose God is the LORD.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about ‘**How To**’ ‘**Be Glad**’:

### **Ps 118:24**

24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and **be glad** in it.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about **Glad Tidings** or **Good News**:

### **Prov 25:25**

25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is **good news** from a far country.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about why it is important to have “**Joy**”:

### **Neh 8:10**

10 ...for the **joy** of the LORD is your strength.

The following are statements in the Scriptures about ‘**How To**’ ‘**Rejoice**’:

### **Phil 4:4**

4 **Rejoice** in the Lord alway: and again I say, **Rejoice**.

### **1Thes 5:16**

16 **Rejoice** evermore.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about having a “**Merry**” heart:

### **Prov 15:13**

13 A **merry heart** maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about ‘**How To**’ be of good “**Cheer**”:

### **Matt 9:2**

2 ...and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good **cheer**; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Although we do not always “**Laugh**”, the following is a statement in the Scriptures that there **is** a ‘Time’ to “**Laugh**”:

**Ecc 3:1**

1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

**Ecc 3:4**

4 A time to weep, and a time to **laugh**; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about “**How**” and what to “**Delight**” in:

**Ps 119:24**

24 Thy testimonies also are my **delight** and my counsellors.

The following is a statement in the Scriptures about who we are to “**Please**” and the results:

**Prov 16:7**

7 When a man's ways **please** the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

The following are statements in the Scriptures about ‘**How To**’ ‘**Be Blessed**’:

**Ps 32:1-2**

1 **Blessed** is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 **Blessed** is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

**IV. DEFINITIONS OF HAPPINESS:**

The following are definitions of the words Happy, Glad, Glad Tidings, Joy, Rejoice, Merry, Cheer, Laughter, Delight, Please and Blessed in the Dictionary, in Hebrew, and in Greek.

**1. HAPPY:****The Dictionary States:**

**hap·py, hap·pi·er, hap·pi·est.** 1. Characterized by good luck; fortunate. 2. Enjoying, showing, or marked by pleasure, satisfaction, or joy. 3. Being especially well-adapted; felicitous. 4. Cheerful; willing. 5.a. Characterized by a spontaneous or obsessive inclination to use something. Often used in combination. b. Enthusiastic about or involved with to a disproportionate degree. Often used in combination. --**hap“pi·ly** --**hap“pi·ness** .

**Hebrew:**

**835 'esher** (eh'-sher);

from 833; **happiness**; only in masculine plural construction as interjection, **how happy!**:

KJV-- blessed, **happy**.

**Greek:**

**3107 makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os);

a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV-- blessed, **happy** (X -ier).

**2. GLAD:****The Dictionary States:**

**Glad, glad·der, glad·dest.** 1.a. Experiencing or exhibiting joy and pleasure. b. Appreciative. 2. Providing joy and pleasure. 3. Very willing; pleased. 4. Bright and cheerful. 5. Having a naturally cheerful disposition. **–glad, glad·ded, glad·ding, glads. To gladden. --glad“ly--glad“ness.**

**Hebrew:**

**8055 samach** (saw-makh');  
a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

KJV-- cheer up, **be (make) glad**, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, X very.

**Greek:**

**5463 chairo** (khah'-ee-ro);

a primary verb; to be "cheerful", i.e. calmly happy or well-off; impersonally, especially as salutation (on meeting or parting), be well:

KJV-- farewell, **be glad**, God speed, greeting, hall, joy (-fully), rejoice.

**3. GLAD (GOOD) TIDINGS (GOOD NEWS):****The Dictionary States:**

**Glad, glad·der, glad·dest.** 1.a. Experiencing or exhibiting joy and pleasure. b. Appreciative. 2. Providing joy and pleasure. 3. Very willing; pleased. 4. Bright and cheerful. 5. Having a naturally cheerful disposition. **–glad, glad·ded, glad·ding, glads. To gladden. --glad“ly --glad“ness .**

**Good, bet-ter, best.** 1. Being positive or desirable in nature; not bad or poor. 2.a. Having the qualities that are desirable or distinguishing in a particular thing. b. Serving the desired purpose or end; suitable. 3.a. Not spoiled or ruined. b. In excellent condition; sound. 4. Superior to the average; satisfactory.. 5.a. Of high quality. b. Discriminating. 6. Worthy of respect; honorable. 7. Attractive; handsome. 8. Beneficial to health; salutary. 9. Competent; skilled. 10. Complete; thorough. 11.a. Reliable; sure. b. Valid or true. c. Genuine; real. 12.a. In effect; operative. b. Able to continue in a specified activity. 13.a. Able to pay or contribute. b. Able to elicit a specified reaction. 14.a. Ample; substantial. b. Bountiful. 15. Full. 16.a. Pleasant; enjoyable. b. Propitious; favorable. 17.a. Of moral excellence; upright. b. Benevolent; kind. c. Loyal; staunch. 18.a. Well-behaved; obedient. b. Socially correct; proper. **Good.** 1.a. **Something that is good.** b. **A good, valuable, or useful part or aspect.** 2. Welfare; benefit. 3. **Goodness;** virtue.

**Tid·ing.** A piece of information or news. Often used in the plural.

**Hebrew:**

**1319 basar** (baw-sar');  
a primitive root; properly, to be fresh, i.e. full (rosy, (figuratively) cheerful); **to announce (glad news):** -

messenger, preach, publish, shew forth, (**bear, bring, carry, preach, good, tell good**) tidings.

**Greek:**

**2097 euaggelizo** (yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo);

from 2095 and 32; **to announce good news** ("evangelize") especially the gospel:  
KJV-- declare, bring (declare, show) **glad (good) tidings**, preach (the gospel).

#### **4. JOY:**

##### **The Dictionary States:**

**Joy.** 1. a. Intense and especially ecstatic or exultant happiness. b. The expression or manifestation of such feeling. 2. A source or an object of pleasure or satisfaction. --**joy** v. **joyed, joy•ing, joys.** --. 1. To take great pleasure; rejoice. 1. To fill with ecstatic happiness, pleasure, or satisfaction. 2. **To enjoy.**

**joy•ful.** Feeling, causing, or **indicating joy.** --**joy“ful•ly.** --**joy“ful•ness.**

##### **Hebrew:**

**8057 simchah** (sim-khaw');  
from 8056; blithesomeness or glee, (religious or festival):

KJV-- X exceeding (-ly), gladness, **joy (-fulness)**, mirth, pleasure, rejoice (-ing).

**7440 rinnah** (rin-naw');  
from 7442; properly, a creaking (or shrill sound), i.e. **shout (of joy or grief):**

KJV-- cry, gladness, **joy**, proclamation, rejoicing, shouting, sing (-ing), triumph.

**2898 tuwb** (toob);  
from 2895; good (as a noun), in the widest sense, especially goodness (superlative concretely, the best),

beauty, gladness, welfare:  
KJV-- fair, gladness, good (-ness, thing, -s), **joy**, go well with.

**1523 giyl** (gheel);  
or (by permutation) guwl (gool); a primitive root; properly, to spin round (under the influence of any violent

emotion), i.e. usually rejoice, or (as cringing) fear:  
KJV-- be glad, **joy, be joyful**, rejoice.

##### **Greek:**

**5479 chara** (khar-ah');  
from 5463; cheerfulness, i.e. calm delight:

KJV-- gladness, X greatly, (X be **exceeding**) **joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).**

**2744 kauchaomai** (kow-khah'-om-ah-ee);  
from some (obsolete) base akin to that of aucheo (to boast) and 2172; to vaunt (in a good or a bad sense):

KJV-- (make) boast, glory, **joy**, rejoice.

**3685 oninemi** (on-in'-ay-mee);  
a prolonged form of an apparently primary verb (onomai, to slur); for which another prolonged form (onao)

is used as an alternate in some tenses [unless indeed it be identical with the base of 3686 through the idea of notoriety]; to gratify, i.e. (middle voice) to derive pleasure or advantage from:

KJV-- **have joy.**

**20 agalliasis** (ag-al-lee'-as-is);  
from 21; exultation; specially, welcome:

KJV-- gladness, (**exceeding**) **joy.**

#### **5. REJOICE:**

**The Dictionary States:**

**re·joyce, re·joyced, re·joic·ing, re·joic·es..** 1. To feel joyful; be delighted. To fill with joy; gladden. -- phrasal verb. **re·joyce in.** To have or possess. --**re·joic“er** .

**Hebrew:**

**8055 samach** (saw-makh');  
a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

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**4796 sugchairo** (soong-khah'-ee-ro);

from 4862 and 5463; to sympathize in gladness, congratulate:

KJV-- **rejoice in (with)**.

**6. MERRY:****The Dictionary States:**

**mer·ry, mer·ri·er, mer·ri·est.** 1. Full of high-spirited gaiety; jolly. 2. Marked by or offering fun and gaiety; festive. 3. Delightful; entertaining. 4. Brisk. --**mer“ri·ly**. --**mer“ri·ness** .

**Hebrew:**

**2896 towb** (tobe);

from 2895; good (as an adjective) in the widest sense; used likewise as a noun, both in the masculine and the feminine, the singular and the plural (good, a good or good thing, a good man or woman; the good, goods or good things, good men or women), also as an adverb (well):

KJV-- beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, at ease, X fair (word), (be in) favour, fine, glad, good (deed, -lier, -liest, -ly, -ness, -s), graciously, joyful, kindly, kindness, liketh (best), loving, **merry**, X most, pleasant, + pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, (be) well ([-favoured]).

**Greek:**

**2165 euphraino** (yoo-frah'-ee-no);

from 2095 and 5424; to put (middle voice or passively, be) in a good frame of mind, i.e. rejoice:

KJV-- fare, make glad, **be (make) merry**, rejoice.

**2114 euthumeo** (yoo-thoo-meh'-o);

from 2115; to cheer up, i.e. (intransitively) be cheerful; neuter comparative (adverbially) more cheerfully: KJV-- be of good cheer (**merry**).

## **7. CHEER:**

### **The Dictionary States:**

**Cheer.** 1. Lightness of spirits or mood; gaiety or joy. 2. A source of joy or happiness; comfort. 3.a. A shout of approval, encouragement, or congratulation. b. A short, rehearsed jingle or phrase, shouted in unison by a squad of cheerleaders. 4. Festive food and drink; refreshment. --**cheer, cheered, cheer·ing, cheers.** 1. **To make** happier or **more cheerful.** 2. **To encourage with or as if with cheers;** urge. 3. **To salute or acclaim with cheers;** applaud. 1. **To shout cheers.** 2. **To become cheerful.** --cheer“er . --cheer“ing·ly .

### **Hebrew:**

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a primitive root; probably to brighten up, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome:

KJV-- **cheer up**, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, X very.

**3190 yatab** (yaw-tab');  
a primitive root; to be (causative) make well, literally (sound, beautiful) or figuratively (happy, successful, right):

KJV-- be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, **make cheerful**, be comely, + be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([-ness]), be (make) merry, please (+well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, X very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

### **Greek:**

**2293 tharseo** (thar-seh'-o);  
from 2294; to have courage:

KJV-- **be of good cheer** (comfort). Compare 2292.

**2115 euthumos** (yoo'-thoo-mos);  
from 2095 and 2372; in fine spirits, i.e. **cheerful**:

KJV-- **of good cheer, the more cheerfully.**

## **8. LAUGHTER:**

### **The Dictionary States:**

**laugh·ter.** 1. **The act of laughing.** 2. **The sound produced by laughing.** 3. **A cause or subject for laughter.**

### **Hebrew:**

**7814 sechowq** (sekh-oke');  
or sechoq (sekh-oke'); from 7832; **laughter** (in merriment or defiance):

KJV-- derision, **laughter** (-ed to scorn, -ing), mocked, sport.

**6711 tsachaq** (tsaw-khak');  
a primitive root; **to laugh outright** (in merriment or scorn); by implication, to sport:

KJV-- **laugh**, mock, play, make sport.

**6712 tsechoq** (tsekh-oke');  
 from 6711; **laughter** (in pleasure or derision):  
 KJV-- **laugh** (-ed to scorn).

**Greek:**

**1071 gelos** (ghel'-os);  
 from 1070; **laughter** (as a mark of gratification):  
 KJV-- **laughter**.

**9. DELIGHT:**

**The Dictionary States:**

**de·light**. 1. Great pleasure; joy. 2. Something that gives great pleasure or enjoyment. **--de·light** .  
**de·light·ed, de·light·ing, de·lights**. 1. To take great pleasure or joy. 2. To give great pleasure or joy. To please greatly.

**Hebrew:**

**2656 chephets** (khay'-fets);  
 from 2654; pleasure; hence (abstractly) desire; concretely, a valuable thing; hence (by extension) a matter (as something in mind):  
 KJV-- acceptable, **delight** (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.

**Greek:**

**4913 sunedomai** (soon-ay'-dom-ahēe);  
 middle voice from 4862 and the base of 2237; to rejoice in with oneself, i.e. feel satisfaction concerning:  
 KJV-- **delight**.

**10. PLEASE:**

**The Dictionary States:**

**Please, pleased, pleas·ing, pleas·es**. 1. **To give** enjoyment, **pleasure**, or satisfaction to; make glad or contented. 2. To be the will or desire of. 1. **To give** satisfaction or **pleasure**; be agreeable. 2. To have the will or desire; wish. **–please**. 1. **If it is your** desire or **pleasure**; **if you please**. Used in polite requests. 2. Yes. Used in polite affirmative replies to offers. **--pleas“er** .

**Hebrew:**

**3190 yatab** (yaw-tab');  
 a primitive root; to be (causative) make well, literally (sound, beautiful) or figuratively (happy, successful, right):  
 KJV-- be accepted, amend, use aright, benefit, be (make) better, seem best, make cheerful, be comely, + be content, diligent (-ly), dress, earnestly, find favour, give, be glad, do (be, make) good ([-ness]), be (make) merry, **please** (+well), shew more [kindness], skilfully, X very small, surely, make sweet, thoroughly, tire, trim, very, be (can, deal, entreat, go, have) well [said, seen].

**2895 towb** (tobe);

a primitive root, to be (transitively, do or make) good (or well) in the widest sense:  
 KJV-- be (do) better, cheer, be (do, seem) good, (make) goodly, X **please**, (be, do, go, play) well.

**2654 chaphets** (khaw-fates');

a primitive root; properly, to incline to; by implication (literally but rarely) to bend; figuratively, **to be pleased with**, desire:

KJV-- X any at all, (have, take) delight, desire, favour, like, move, **be (well) pleased, have pleasure**, will, would.

**Greek:****701 arestos** (ar-es-tos');

from 700; agreeable; by implication, fit:

KJV-- **(things that) please (-ing)**, reason.

**700 aresko** (ar-es'-ko);

from 142 (through the idea of exciting emotion); to be agreeable (or by implication, to seek to be so):

KJV-- **please**.

**11. BLESSED:****The Dictionary States:**

**bless·ed, blest.** 1.a. Worthy of worship; holy. b. Held in veneration; revered. 2. **Blessed.** *Roman Catholic Church.* Used as a title before the name of one who has been beatified. 3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment. 4. **blessed.** Used as an intensive. --**bless**“**ed·ly, bless**“**ed·ness . bless, blessed** or **blest, bless·ing, bless·es.** 1. To make holy by religious rite; sanctify. 2. To make the sign of the cross over so as to sanctify. 3. To invoke divine favor upon. 4. To honor as holy; glorify. 5. To confer well-being or prosperity on. 6. To endow, as with talent. --**bles**“**er .**

**Hebrew:****835 'esher** (eh'-sher);

from 833; happiness; only in masculine plural construction as interjection, how happy!:

KJV-- **blessed**, happy.

**833 'ashar** (aw-shar');

or 'asher (aw-share'); a primitive root; to be straight (used in the widest sense, especially to be level, right, happy); figuratively, to go forward, be honest, proper:

KJV-- (call, be) **bless (-ed, happy)**, go, guide, lead, relieve.

**Greek:****3107 makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os);

a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV-- **blessed**, happy (X -ier).

**V. HAPPINESS COMES FROM GOD:**

“Happiness” is a characteristic that comes from God. Since God created man in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), He too displays the characteristics of “Happiness” in His Own Person.

**GOD DISPLAYS DELIGHT:**

In the following Scriptures the Lord displays His Own “Delight”!

**Deut 10:15**

15 **Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them**, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

**IKing 10:9 2Chr 9:8**

9 **Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee**, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

God is “Delighted” with those that are good and upright in their way.

**Ps 37:23-24**

23 The steps of **a good man** are ordered by the LORD: and **he delighteth in his way**.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

**Prov 11:20**

20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but **such as are upright in their way are his delight**.

**Prov 15:8**

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but **the prayer of the upright is his delight**.

God is “Delighted” with those that deal faithfully.

**Prov 11:1**

1 A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but **a just weight is his delight**.

**Prov 12:22**

22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but **they that deal truly (faithfully) are his delight**.

God “Delights” in His Servants.

**Isa 42:1**

1 **Behold my servant**, whom I uphold; mine elect, **in whom my soul delighteth**; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

If you know and understand the Lord, then you know that He **is** the Lord that exercises loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness, and that He “Delights” in these things.

**Jer 9:24**

24 **But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness**, in the earth: **for in these things I delight, saith the LORD**

The Lord “Delights” in Jerusalem.

**Isa 62:1-3**

1 **For Zion's sake** will I not hold my peace, and **for Jerusalem's sake** I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: **and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.**

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 **Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah** (my Delight is in her), **and thy land Beulah** (married): **for the LORD delighteth in thee**, and thy land shall be married (Beulah).

### **GOD DISPLAYS PLEASURE:**

In these Scriptures the Lord displays His Own "Pleasure"!

God has created everything for His Own "Pleasure".

#### **Rev 4:11**

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

#### **Ps 135:6**

6 **Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.**

Because He is God, He will do **all** His "Pleasure".

#### **Isa 46:9-10**

9 Remember the former things of old: for **I am God**, and there is none else; **I am God**, and there is none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, **My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

It "Pleased" God the Father that all the fullness of Him dwells in Jesus Christ.

#### **Col 1:19-20**

19 **For it pleased the Father that in him** (Jesus) **should all fulness dwell;**

20 **And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;** by him, I say, **whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.**

God was "Pleased" for His Righteousness' sake to make the law great and glorious.

#### **Isa 42:21**

21 **The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake;** he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

God has created His Own people because it "Pleased" Him to do so.

**1 Sam 12:22**

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: **because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.**

The 'Word of God' that goes forth out of His mouth will not return void (empty). It will prosper in whatsoever and wherever He sends it and it shall accomplish that which "Pleases" Him.

**Isa 55:11**

11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (empty), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

God is "Pleased" when His servants **ask** for things according to His Will.

**2 Sam 7:291 Chr 17:27**

29 **Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant**, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing **let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.**

**1 King 3:9-10**

9 **Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people**, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 **And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.**

God is "Pleased" with those that keep His Sabbath and choose the things that "Please" Him.

**Isa 56:4-5**

4 **For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;**

5 **Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.**

God has set every member in the 'Body of Christ' as it has "Pleased" Him.

**1 Cor 12:12**

12 **For as the body is one, and hath many members**, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

**1 Cor 12:18**

18 **But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

God has given a body to the seed and grain and all flesh as it has "Pleased" Him.

**1 Cor 15:37-39**

37 **And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain**, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 **But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.**

39 **All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men**, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

## **GOD REJOICES:**

The following Scriptures reveal that God “Rejoices”!

God speaks out in His Holiness and “Rejoices” in His Works.

### **Ps 60:6**

6 **God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.**

### **Ps 104:31**

31 **The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.**

God “Rejoices” in His people.

### **Isa 62:5**

5 **For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.**

### **Jer 32:41**

41 **Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.**

The Lord “Rejoices” over you with “Joy” and will actually “Joy” over you with singing.

### **Zeph 3:17**

17 **The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.**

## **THERE IS JOY AND REJOICING IN HEAVEN:**

“Being Happy” is very important to God. If this is not true, then there would **not** be “Joy” and “Rejoicing” in Heaven!

There is “Joy” in Heaven over one sinner that repents.

### **Luke 15:4-7**

4 **What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?**

5 **And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.**

6 **And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.**

7 **I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.**

### **Luke 15:8-10**

8 **Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?**

9 **And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.**

10 **Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.**

And there will be more “Rejoicing” in Heaven in the future.

### **Rev 12:10-12**

10 **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,** Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 **Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.**

## **VI. PHYSICAL HAPPINESS:**

Man is a ‘triune’ being consisting of a body, soul and spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:23) The body is the Physical part of man in which God has provided many types of Physical “Pleasure” and “Happiness”. Because all people can feel “Pleasure” and “Happiness” in their Physical being, people in the world are continually seeking places and things through which they can find “Pleasure” and “Happiness”. This is why so many people are seeking the expertise of all types of Physical fitness instructors and health experts. Unfortunately, all the Physical “Pleasure” that man seeks is merely a **temporary fix**. (1 Timothy 4:8)

## **THERE IS JOY IN MARRIAGE:**

One of the areas that God has given to man to help him/her to “Be Happy” is in having a partnership with a wife or a husband. This is a Godly union, which is between a man and a woman. Although marriage consists of much more than just the Physical aspect, there is extreme “Pleasure” derived from the Physical side of marriage. This includes such things as the “Enjoyment” of sex, having children, family relaxation events, vacationing together, etc. (Genesis 2:20-25)

When a man first gets married, he needs to have ‘free time’ to devote to his wife. Starting off with a ‘peaceful’ and extended honeymoon is important so that he may “Cheer up” his wife.

### **Deut 24:5**

5 **When a man hath taken a new wife,** he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but **he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.**

Throughout the marriage, the man needs to always “Rejoice” and live “Joyfully” with his wife. He needs to allow his needs to be satisfied **only** with the love of his life, his wife!

### **Prov 5:18-19**

18 **Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.**

19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; **let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.**

**Song 7:6**

6 **How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!**

**Eccl 9:9**

9 **Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life** of thy vanity, **which he hath given thee under the sun**, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

If a husband or a wife has an ‘unsaved’ spouse, they should stay with them if it “Pleases” him/her to do so. This is because the Saved spouse sanctifies the ‘unsaved’ spouse. Since Christians are to only marry other Christians (1 Corinthians 7:39 11:11), this situation should only occur when both spouses are ‘unsaved’ and one becomes Saved (or born again).

**1 Cor 7:12-14**

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: **If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.**

13 **And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.**

14 **For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband:** else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

**HAVING CHILDREN BRINGS HAPPINESS AND JOY:**

“Happiness” can be derived from having children. This is because children are a heritage of the Lord and His reward.

**Ps 127:3-5**

3 **Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.**

4 **As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.**

5 **Happy is the man (everyone) that hath his quiver full of them:** they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

The birth of a baby brings “Joy” and “Gladness” to the parents. The birth of a baby also brings “Rejoicing” to others such as family members, friends and neighbors.

**Luke 1:13-14**

13 But the angel said unto him, **Fear not, Zacharias:** for thy prayer is heard; and **thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son**, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 **And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.**

**Luke 1:57-58**

57 Now **Elisabeth's** full time came that she should be delivered; and she **brought forth a son.**

58 **And her neighbours and her cousins** heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they **rejoiced with her.**

Even though a woman goes through a time of sorrow during childbirth, it is soon overcome and forgotten for the “Joy” that she receives through the miracle of reproducing a human being.

**John 16:21**

21 **A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man (human being) is born into the world.**

**A BABY IN THE WOMB CAN FEEL JOY:**

The following Scriptures reveal that even a baby in the womb can feel “Joy”.

**Luke 1:41-44**

41 **And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:**

42 **And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.**

43 **And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**

44 **For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.**

**HAVING WISE CHILDREN WILL BRING GLADNESS AND JOY:**

Having ‘wise’ children will bring “Gladness” and “Joy” to the parents. Since wisdom **can** be taught, we need to teach our children how to be ‘wise’. We also need to pray that our children would become ‘wise’, because the true wisdom of God comes from the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 11:2 Ephesians 1:17)

**Prov 10:1**

1 **The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father:** but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

**Prov 15:20**

20 **A wise son maketh a glad father:** but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

**Prov 27:11**

11 **My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,** that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

**Prov 23:15-16**

15 **My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice,** even mine.

16 **Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.**

**Prov 23:24-25**

24 **The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.**

25 **Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.**

‘Correction’ will help to make a child ‘wise’ and will bring “Delight” unto the parents.

**Prov 29:17**

17 **Correct thy son (child), and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.**

The following is the Hebrew definition of ‘**correction**’ in this verse!

**3256 yacar** (yaw-sar’);

a primitive root; to chastise, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with words); hence, to instruct:

KJV-- bind, chasten, chastise, correct, instruct, punish, reform, reprove, sore, teach.  
When children ‘obey’ their parents in **all** things, it is “Pleasing” to the Lord.

**Col 3:20**

20 **Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**

A ‘**just**’ (righteous) father causes his children to “Be Happy” because he has integrity (is morally upright). This is especially true if the father is a Christian, because that is the only way we can truly become righteous! (Romans 3:10, 5:19 1 Peter 3:12 1 John 3:7)

**Prov 20:7**

7 **The just (righteous) man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed (Happy) after him.**

A ‘**virtuous**’ (strong and worthy) wife and mother will be called “Happy” by her children and her husband. (Ruth 3:9-11 Proverbs 12:4)

**Prov 31:10**

10 **Who can find a virtuous (strong and worthy) woman (wife)? for her price is far above rubies.**

**Prov 31:28**

28 **Her children arise up, and call her blessed (Happy); her husband also, and he praiseth her.**

**BEING SINGLE CAN BRING US JOY:**

Being single can bring one “Joy”, especially **if** you know the Lord. This is because when you are single, you can concentrate on “Pleasing” the Lord without having to concentrate on “Pleasing” your spouse.

**1 Cor 7:32-35**

32 **But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:**

33 **But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.**

34 **There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.**

35 **And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely (honorable), and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.**

**THERE IS JOY IN GETTING CLEANED UP:**

There is “Joy” in getting cleaned up by taking a bath and in and putting on perfume and makeup. Cleanliness restores confidence and dignity in individuals. This is why many churches use these techniques in helping street people and the poor and needy to regain their self-esteem. As we have experienced in third world countries, even a comb is a vital gift to share with people in need. (Matthew 6:17 Revelation 19:7-8)

**Prov 27:9**

9 **Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: ...**

**Ecc1 9:8**

8 **Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.**

## **VII. SOUL HAPPINESS:**

All people can find “Pleasure” and “Happiness” in their souls.

The soul (psuche) consists of the heart (kardia) and the mind (dianoia), which makes up the mental and emotional part of man.

God has provided many types of “Pleasure” that will help us to “Be Happy” in these areas of our being. However, we need to lift up our souls to the Lord in order to find ‘true’ Happiness. (Mark 12:30)

### **Ps 86:4**

4 **Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

Psychologists work in realm of the soul, and although they might bring **temporary** “Happiness” to an individual through pleasant words, **permanent** “Happiness” can only come from hope in the Lord. (Psalms 146:5)

### **Prov 16:24**

24 **Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.**

When we receive the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding from the Lord, it will preserve us and help us to **maintain** a state of “Happiness”. (Isaiah 11:2)

### **Prov 2:6**

6 **For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.**

### **Prov 2:10-11**

10 **When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;**

11 **Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:**

## **TAKE ONE DAY AT A TIME:**

Since the Lord has created the day, it is important for us to take one day at a time and “Rejoice” and be “Glad” in it. (Genesis 1:3-5)

### **Ps 118:24**

24 **This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Many of us are always looking too far ahead in the future and we do not “Enjoy” the present. By looking too far ahead in the future we also become overwhelmed by the mounting troubles that may come, not realizing that each day has enough troubles of its own, and they may resolve themselves.

### **Matt 6:34**

34 **Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.** Sufficient unto the day is the evil (troubles) thereof.

## **REJOICING WITH OTHERS:**

“Rejoicing” with others adds to the amount of times we can experience “Happiness”.

**Rom 12:15**

15 **Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.**

**Rom 15:10**

10 **And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.**

**1 Cor 12:26**

26 **And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.**

**PLEASING OUR NEIGHBORS:**

“Pleasing” our neighbors also adds to the amount of times we can experience “Happiness”. This in turn will keep us from always trying to “Please” ourselves.

**Rom 15:1-2-3**

1 **We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.**  
 2 **Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification** (to build him up).  
 3 **For even Christ pleased not himself;** but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

**PLEASING ALL PEOPLE:**

If we give no offense and “Please” ‘all’ people, we may help them to be Saved, thereby bringing “Happiness” to our souls.

**1 Cor 10:32-33**

32 **Give none offence,** neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:  
 33 **Even as I please all men** (people) **in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.**

**PLEASING OUR BOSSES AND/OR RULERS:**

“Pleasing” our bosses and/or rulers whether they are Christians or not, helps us to maintain a proper perspective in our Christian walk. This in turn will help to maintain peace in the work place and keep in order the Doctrine of God. Who knows, it may help to lead them to Jesus.

**Titus 2:9-10**

9 **Exhort** (bond) **servants to be obedient unto their own masters** (rulers), **and to please them well in all things;** not answering again (speaking against or contradicting);  
 10 **Not purloining** (embezzling), but shewing all good fidelity (moral conviction); **that they may adorn** (keep in proper order) **the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.**

**Col 3:22**

22 **Servants, obey in all things your masters** according to the flesh; **not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:**

**PLEASING OUR SPOUSES:**

We can “Please” our spouses by submitting one to another in the Fear of God.

**Eph 5:21-24**

21 **Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.**

22 **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.**

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 **Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.**

**OBEDIENCE:**

We are to obey those that have rule over us, so that those that rule may do it with “Joy”. Remember they are accountable for watching for our souls!

**Heb 13:17**

17 **Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls,** as they that must give account, **that they may do it with joy,** and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

**Titus 3:1**

1 **Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates,** to be ready to every good work,

**DON'T CONDEMN YOURSELF:**

Not condemning ourselves in the choices we make will help our souls to “Be Happy”. This can only be accomplished through having **faith** in what we are doing and not always doubting.

**Rom 14:21-23**

21 **It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.**

22 **Hast thou faith?** have it to thyself before God. **Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.**

23 **And he that doubteth is damned** if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

**GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS WILLINGLY BRINGS JOY:**

No matter how much or how little we give in Tithes and Offerings, it will not give us “Joy” unless we do so **willingly** and with a **perfect heart**. (Read the Study Guide “Tithes and Offerings” by Timothy II)

**Deut 26:10-11**

10 And now, **behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me.** And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

11 **And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee,** and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

**Deut 27:7**

7 **And thou shalt offer peace offerings,** and shalt eat there, **and rejoice before the LORD thy God.**

**1 Chr 29:9**

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

**1 Chr 29:17**

17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.

**Rom 15:25-27**

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

**2 Cor 9:7**

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

**HELPING THE POOR CAUSES US TO BE HAPPY:**

Helping the poor will not only cause them to “Rejoice”, but will also cause us to “Be Happy”.

**Ps 41:1-2**

1 Blessed (Happy) is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed (Happy) upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

**Prov 14:21**

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

**Prov 14:31**

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

**Prov 19:17**

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

**Prov 22:9**

9 He that hath a bountiful (cheerful) eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

**Prov 28:27**

27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

**James 1:9**

9 Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:

**GOING TO CHURCH WILL CAUSE OUR SOUL TO REJOICE:**

God created the Church therefore Church attendance is very important to Him. (Genesis 28:17 1 King 9:3 1 Timothy 3:14-15)

**Deut 12:5**

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

**Deut 12:7**

7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, **and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto**, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

**Deut 12:12**

12 **And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God**, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

**Neh 12:40**

40 So stood the two companies of **them that gave thanks in the house of God**, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

**Neh 12:43**

43 **Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.**

**Ps 122:1**

1 **I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.**

**Ps 42:4**

4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, **I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.**

**Ps 132:7**

7 **We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.**

Our request in Church should be:

**Ps 132:9**

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and **let thy saints shout for joy.**

And God's Answer will be:

**Ps 132:16**

16 **I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.**

Then we should go to the Altar:

**Ps 43:4-5**

4 **Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:** yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.

5 **Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.**

The following is a **promise** to those that go to Church!

**Ps 92:13-14**

13 **Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

14 **They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;**

**Prov 8:34**

34 **Blessed (Happy) is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.**

**THERE IS JOY IN PEACE:**

Whenever we have Peace in the world, in our country, or in ourselves, we **will** have “Joy” in our souls. Therefore, we should **seek** Peace. (Psalm 34:14 85:8 1 Peter 3:10-11)  
For individual Christians, Peace is a ‘Fruit of the Spirit’. (Galatians 5:22 Ephesians 5:9 James 3:18)

**Ps 4:7-8**

7 **Thou hast put gladness in my heart**, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.  
8 **I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.**

**Ps 37:11**

11 **But the meek (humble, gentle, Saintly) shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.**

**Prov 12:20**

20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but **to the counsellors of peace is joy.**

**John 14:27**

27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.** Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**John 16:33**

33 **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace.** In the world ye shall have tribulation: but **be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

**2 Cor 13:11**

11 **Finally, brethren, farewell.** Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

**WHEN WE ARE MERRY IN HEART AND SOUL:**

When we are “Merry” in our ‘heart and soul’, it affects our face, thus producing a “Cheerful” countenance. This is what attracts non-Christians to us and many times causes them to ask why we are always smiling. This opens the door to share our testimony with them and perhaps lead them to the Lord.

**Prov 15:13**

13 **A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance (face):** but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

A “Merry” heart works in us like medicine and can help us to maintain a healthy state.

**Prov 17:22**

22 **A merry heart doeth good like a medicine (a cure):** but a broken spirit drieth the bones

A “Merry” heart causes us to have a perpetual banquet.

**Prov 15:15**

15 **All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual (perpetual) feast (banquet).**

## **VIII. SPIRITUAL HAPPINESS:**

The spiritual part of the ‘natural’ (unregenerate or unsaved) man can feel “Pleasure” and “Happiness”. However, these people do **not** have the Spirit of God within them, therefore their “Pleasure” and “Happiness” is superficial and will not last. (1 Corinthians 2:11-12) This is because the ‘natural’ (unregenerate or unsaved) man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, which brings **eternal** “Happiness”. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

You must be ‘born again’ in order to regenerate the spirit of Man by the Spirit of God. (John 3:3-8 1 Peter 1:23) Only by finding Jesus Christ and making Him your Lord and Savior can you find **true** “Happiness”. (Romans 10:9-10)

## **WE FIND JOY IN GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST:**

We **find** “Joy” in God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Rom 5:11**

11 And not only so, but **we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

It is interesting to note that it “Pleased” God the Father to allow His Son Jesus to be bruised and put to grief as an offering **for our** sins. This is because God **Loves** us **so much** that He sacrificed His Son for us! (John 3:16) What amazing Love!

### **Isa 53:10**

10 **Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.**

Jesus is our example of having **perfect** “Joy” because He **always** “Pleased” the Father.

### **Matt 3:17 Mark 1:11 Luke 3:22**

17 **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

### **Matt 12:17-18 Isaiah 42:1**

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

18 **Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.**

### **Matt 17:4-6**

4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

5 **While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

6 **And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.**

### **2 Pet 1:17-18**

17 **For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

18 **And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**

When Mary was pregnant with Jesus, her Spirit “Rejoiced in God her Savior.

**Luke 1:46-47**

46 **And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,**  
 47 **And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.**

After the birth of Jesus, there were “Wise Men” who came to Worship Him. When they saw the star that would lead them to Him, they “Rejoiced” with exceeding great “Joy”. This is a reminder that even today those that are led to Jesus “Rejoice” with exceeding great “Joy”.

**Matt 2:1-2**

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,  
 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

**Matt 2:10-11**

10 **When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**  
 11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Jesus Himself said that even Abraham “Rejoiced” at His birth.

**John 8:56**

56 **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.**

**John 8:58**

58 **Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**

When Jesus walked on the water He told His disciples not to be afraid but to be of good “Cheer”. This is a reminder that we should never be afraid of miracles that Jesus does in our lives, but rather be of good “Cheer” when they happen.

**Matt 14:26-27 Mark 6:49-50**

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.  
 27 **But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.**

When we believe in the Lord Jesus, our whole family (house) can be Saved. Believing in God with **all** your family (house) will bring **great** “Rejoicing”.

**Acts 16:27-34**

27 **And the keeper of the prison** awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.  
 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.  
 29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and **fell down before Paul and Silas,**  
 30 And brought them out, **and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

- 31 **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**  
 32 **And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**  
 33 **And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**  
 34 **And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.**

We should **always** “Rejoice” in the Lord.

**Phil 3:1**

1 **Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.** To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.

**Phil 3:3**

3 **For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.**

**THE JOY OF THE LORD:**

For the Christian, it is Jesus that gives us **His** “Joy” and **fulfills** it in us.

**John 17:1**

1 **These words spake Jesus,** and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father,** the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

**John 17:13**

13 **And now come I to thee; and these things I speak** in the world, **that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.**

We need to know that even if we seem to lack “Joy”, it is **not** our “Joy” which keeps us “Happy”, but rather it is the “Joy” **of** the Lord.

**John 15:11**

11 **These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**

This is because no matter what the circumstances, it is the “Joy” **of** the Lord that keeps us strong!

**Neh 8:10**

10 **Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

**Ps 84:5**

5 **Blessed (Happy) is the man whose strength is in thee;** in whose heart are the ways of them.

The question is **how** do we enter into the “Joy” of the Lord?

The following Scriptures reveal that God has given all of us some talents. When we begin to **serve** the Lord by using the talents that He has given us, we **will** enter into the “Joy” of the Lord. It doesn’t matter how

many talents we have, it only matters that we **faithfully** use the talents that God has given us to further His Kingdom.

**Matt 25:20-23**

20 And so **he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying**, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, **I have gained beside them five talents more.**

21 **His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant:** thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

22 **He also that had received two talents came and said**, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, **I have gained two other talents beside them.**

23 **His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant;** thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: **enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

The proof that we are using the talents that God has given us to further His Kingdom lies in the fruit that we produce. As long as we **continue** to produce fruit, we will **continue** to remain in the “Joy” of the Lord. (John 15:5 15:8)

**Phile 1:20-21**

20 **Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord:** refresh my bowels in the Lord.

21 **Having confidence in thy obedience** I wrote unto thee, **knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say.**

**IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IS FULLNESS OF JOY:**

Those that are mature in the Lord know that when we are in the **presence** of the Lord there is **fullness** of “Joy”. Therefore, it is important to **continually** seek to be in His presence.

We can accomplish this through Prayer, Church Attendance, Bible Studies, and Fellowshiping with the Saints, etc. However, it is **most** important that we spend some quiet time with the Lord by ourselves with no interruptions, so that we can hear from God and listen to **His** voice!

**Ps 16:11**

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: **in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

**Ps 65:4**

4 **Blessed (Happy) is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.**

**Ps 84:2-4**

2 **My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.**

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, **even thine altars**, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

4 **Blessed (Happy) are they that dwell in thy house:** they will be still praising thee. Selah.

**Ps 89:14-16**

14 **Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:** mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 **Blessed (Happy) is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.**

16 **In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:** and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

**1Thes 2:19-20**

19 **For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?**

20 **For ye are our glory and joy.**

**WE HAVE JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST (SPIRIT):**

“Joy” is also a ‘Fruit’ of the Spirit.

When we are Saved the Holy Spirit comes **into** us, and we **should** display the ‘Fruit’ of the Holy Spirit. The ‘Fruit’ of the Spirit begins with Love and then “Joy”. This means that once we bear the ‘Fruit’ of Love, then “Joy” will follow. Without Love – no ‘Fruit’.

Since “Joy” is a ‘Fruit’, it should grow, meaning that our “Joy” should become stronger and stronger as we mature in the Lord. ‘Fruit’ can also ‘wither’ and eventually die if we do not take care of it.

The same is true of our “Joy”, and we need to take care to exercise it and to nourish it so that it won’t die! Notice also, that Peace follows “Joy”. This means we cannot truly have Peace in our lives without having “Joy”!

**Gal 5:22-23**

22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

23 **Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**

**Rom 14:17**

17 **For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

**Rom 15:13**

13 **Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

If you are ‘filled’ with the Holy Ghost, which many **say** they are, the proof is in the “Joy” that you display.

**Acts 13:52**

52 **And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**

**1Thes 1:5-6**

5 **For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.**

6 **And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:**

**IX. BELIEVING & FOLLOWING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS:**

Believing **and** following Spiritual Truths will cause us to “Be Happy”.

**BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION:**

When we believe in the Spiritual Truth of the Resurrection of Jesus, we will be “Glad” because **He will** reveal Himself to us. (Acts 4:33 1 Peter 1:3)

**John 20:19-20**

19 **Then** the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, **came Jesus and stood in the midst**, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 **And** when he had so said, **he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.**

Unlike doubting Thomas that was faithless, those of us that believe **through** faith the Resurrection of Jesus will be blessed (Happy).

**John 20:24-29**

24 **But Thomas, one of the twelve**, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he **said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.**

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: **then came Jesus**, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 **Then saith he to Thomas**, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing.**

28 And **Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.**

29 **Jesus saith unto him**, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed (Happy) are they that have not seen, and yet have believed**

We are justified by faith and have access to Jesus by that faith. This in turn enables us to “Rejoice” in the hope of the glory of God.

**Rom 5:1-2**

1 **Therefore being justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 **By whom also we have access by faith** into this grace wherein we stand, **and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

**HAVING GOD AS OUR HELP:**

We know ‘How To’ “Be Happy” and “Rejoice” because we **have** God as **our** help.

**Ps 146:5**

5 **Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help**, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

**Ps 63:7**

7 **Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.**

**TRUSTING THE LORD:**

Those that put their ‘trust’ in the Lord will “Be Happy” and will “Rejoice”. They will shout for “Joy” because He **will** defend them, and they will be “Joyful” in Him because they love and ‘trust’ in His Name.

**Ps 2:12**

12 ...Blessed (Happy) are all they that put their trust in him.

**Ps 5:11**

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

**Ps 33:21**

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

**Ps 34:8**

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed (Happy) is the man that trusteth in him.

**Ps 36:7-8**

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

**Ps 40:4**

4 Blessed (happy) is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

**Ps 84:12**

12 O LORD of hosts, blessed (Happy) is the man that trusteth in thee.

**Prov 16:20**

20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

**Jer 17:7**

7 Blessed (Happy) is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

If we trust in the Lord and “Delight” ourselves in Him, He **will** give us the desires of our heart.

**Ps 37:3-4**

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**KEEPING GOD'S LAW AND DOING HIS WILL:**

The Law consists of the principle of Moses (the Torah) and/or of the Gospel.

When the ‘law’ of God is **in** our heart we will “Delight” to do His Will.

**Ps 40:8**

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

We will “Be Happy” when we **walk** in His ‘Law’ and **keep** His testimonies (are a witness).

**Ps 119:1-2**

1 Blessed (Happy) are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed (Happy) are they that keep his testimonies (are a witness), and that seek him with the whole heart.

**Prov 29:18**

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

## **KEEPING GODS JUDGMENTS:**

The Judgment of God consists of a verdict (favorable or unfavorable), a pronounced sentence of Divine Law either individually or collectively.

Hearing God's Judgments and 'keeping' them will make us "Glad" and cause us to "Rejoice".

### **Ps 48:11**

11 **Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.**

### **Ps 97:8**

8 **Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.**

### **Ps 119:13-14**

13 **With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.**

14 **I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.**

It is a "Joy" for believers to be a part of God's Judgment.

### **Prov 21:15**

15 **It is joy to the just to do judgment:** but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

Soon all the Nations will be "Glad" and will sing for "Joy" because God will govern all the Nations upon the earth and will Judge the people righteously.

### **Ps 67:4**

4 **O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.**

## **KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS:**

A Commandment is an authoritative precept or charge. In this case it is from God.

It is a "Delight" to keep God's Commandments.

### **Ps 119:35**

35 **Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.**

### **Ps 119:47**

47 **And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved.**

### **Ps 119:143**

143 **Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights.**

When we **obey** God's voice and **keep** His Commandments, the Lord will "Rejoice" over us for good, and He will bless us in **every** area of our life.

### **Deut 30:8-10**

8 **And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.**

9 **And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:**

10 **If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.**

**Deut 30:16**

16 **In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.**

**Prov 8:32**

32 **Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed (Happy) are they that keep my ways.**

Jesus said that **if** we keep His Commandments, we **will** abide in His Love.

**John 15:10**

10 **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love;** even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

And **this is** His Commandment:

**John 15:10**

12 **This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**

If we keep God's Commandments and do those things that are "Pleasing" in His sight, He **will** give us whatsoever we ask.

**I Jn 3:22-23**

22 **And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

**SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD:**

Seeking the Face of the Lord will cause our heart to "Rejoice". Therefore, Seek His face continually!

**1 Chr 16:10-11**

10 **Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.**

11 **Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.**

**Ps 105:3-4**

3 **Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.**

4 **Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.**

**FINDING THE FACE OF THE LORD:**

When we see God always before our face, our heart will "Rejoice" and our tongue will be "Glad".

**Acts 2:25-26**

25 **For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:**

26 **Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad;** moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

**Acts 2:28**

28 **Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance** (face).

**SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD:**

When we seek God's Kingdom, it is His "Pleasure" to give the Kingdom to us.

**Luke 12:29**

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

**Luke 12:31-32**

31 But rather **seek ye the kingdom of God;** and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; **for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

When we seek God's Kingdom **first**, He will take care of **all** of our needs.

**Matt 6:31-33**

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) **for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.**

33 **But seek ye first the kingdom of God,** and his righteousness; **and all these things shall be added unto you.**

**PRAISING THE LORD:**

Praising the Lord is an act of celebrating the Lord usually through hymns, song and music.

Praising the Lord with our whole heart will cause us to be "Glad" and "Rejoice" in Him.

**Ps 9:1-2**

1 **I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart;** I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 **I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name,** O thou most High.

When all the people of a Nation Praise the Lord, that Nation will be "Glad" and sing for "Joy".

**Ps 67:3-5**

3 **Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.**

4 **O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:** for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 **Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.**

When we continually Praise the Lord in our mouth, the humble will hear of it and also be "Glad".

**Ps 34:1-2**

1 I will bless the LORD at all times: **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: **the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.**

It is good to sing Praises unto the Name of the Lord in the morning and at night. It will show our loving kindness and faithfulness towards God.

**Ps 92:1-2**

1        **It is a good thing** to give thanks unto the LORD, and **to sing praises unto thy name**, O most High:  
2        **To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night,**

It is good to “Rejoice” in the Lord and to Praise Him for **all** His mighty works.

**Luke 19:37**

37        And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, **the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;**

**Ps 66:5-6**

5        **Come and see the works of God:** he is terrible (to be revered) in his doing toward the children of men.

6        He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: **there did we rejoice in him.**

**Ps 92:4**

4        **For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.**

**BLESSING THE LORD:**

Blessing the Lord is an act of adoration by saluting the Lord and thanking Him for what He has done. Blessing the Lord at all times will make our hearts “Glad” and our glory (honor) “Rejoice”.

**Ps 34:1**

1        **I will bless the LORD at all times:...**

**Ps 16:7-9**

7        **I will bless the LORD**, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

8        I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9        **Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory (honor) rejoiceth:** my flesh also shall rest in hope.

All God’s Angels (messengers), all His hosts (those that serve Him), and His ministers (those that wait on Him) are to Bless the Lord.

**Ps 103:20-22**

20        **Bless the LORD, ye his angels**, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

21        **Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.**

22        **Bless the LORD**, all his works in all places of his dominion: **bless the LORD, O my soul.**

**MEDITATING IN THE LORD:**

Meditating in the Lord and in His precepts will make us “Glad”.

**Ps 5:1**

1        Give ear to my words, O LORD, **consider my meditation.**

**Ps 104:34**

34 **My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.**

**Ps 1:1-2**

1 **Blessed (Happy) is the man** that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 **But his delight is in the law (precepts) of the LORD; and in his law (precepts) doth he meditate day and night.**

**Ps 119:97**

97 **O how love I thy law (precepts)! it is my meditation all the day.**

**ASKING FOR THINGS FROM THE LORD:**

Some people think that we should not ask for things from the Lord, but the Bible teaches that if we ask for things from the Lord **according to His Will**, He **will** give them to us that our “Joy” may be full.

**John 16:24**

24 **Hitherto (even now) have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

**I Jn 5:14-15**

14 **And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**

15 **And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.**

**HAVING THE FEAR OF THE LORD:**

Having the ‘Fear of the Lord’ will cause us to continually “Be Happy”. According to the Hebrew and Greek definitions, the ‘Fear of the Lord’ means to morally revere Him with exceeding fearfulness.

Since the ‘Fear of the Lord’ is one of the Seven Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2), as Christians we have been given the ability to understand the ‘Fear of the Lord’. (Proverbs 2:2-5 8:13)

(Read the Tract “The Spirit of the Fear of the Lord” and the Book “The Seven Spirits of God” by Timothy II)

The person that ‘Fears the Lord’, **will** “Be Happy”.

**Ps 112:1**

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Blessed (Happy) is the man that feareth the LORD**, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

**Prov 28:14**

14 **Happy is the man that feareth alway:** but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

All the earth should ‘Fear the Lord’. If they would, the inhabitants of the world would become stable.

**1 Chr 16:30-31**

30 **Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable**, that it be not moved.

31 **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.**

Even Leaders need to ‘Fear the Lord’ and “Rejoice” with trembling.

**Ps 2:10-11**

- 10 Be wise now therefore, **O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.**  
 11 **Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

Everyone that 'Fears the Lord' will be Blessed and **will** "Be Happy".

**Ps 128:1-2**

- 1 **Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD;** that walketh in his ways.  
 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: **happy shalt thou be,** and it shall be well with thee.

This is because the Lord takes "Pleasure" in all those that 'Fear Him'!

**Ps 147:11**

- 11 **The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him,** in those that hope in his mercy.

**HAVING WISDOM:**

Having the 'Wisdom' of God, not the Wisdom of the world, causes us to "Be Happy". (1 Corinthians 1:20 2:6 3:19) Since 'Wisdom' **is** one of the Seven Spirits of God (Isaiah 11:2), we Christians have the Spirit of 'Wisdom' **within** us. (1 Corinthians 2:7 2:13) If we want God's Wisdom all we have to do is ask God to give it to us. (James 1:5 Proverbs 2:6)

(Read the Tract "The Spirit of Wisdom" and the Book "The Seven Spirits of God" by Timothy II)

The following is a report from the Queen of Sheba concerning the 'Wisdom' that God gave to Solomon. (1 Kings 4:29) Notice that when the King had God's Wisdom, the people, the servants and all those that heard his Wisdom were "Happy".

**1King 10:4-8 2 Chron 9:3-7**

- 4 **And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom,** and the house that he had built,  
 5 **And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD;** there was no more spirit in her.  
 6 **And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.**  
 7 **Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.**  
 8 **Happy are thy men (people), happy are these thy servants,** which stand continually before thee, and **that hear thy wisdom.**

Happy are those that **find** the 'Wisdom' of God and that **retain** it. (Proverbs 4:7 9:10)

**Prov 3:13**

- 13 **Happy is the man (person) that findeth wisdom,** and the man (person) that getteth understanding.

**Prov 3:18**

- 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: **and happy is every one that retaineth her.**

Folly (which is foolishness) becomes "Joy" to those that are destitute of (without) Wisdom.

**Prov 15:21**

21 **Folly** (foolishness) **is joy to him that is destitute of** (without) **wisdom**: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

**PLEASING GOD:**

“Pleasing” God will help us to “Be Happy”.

Jesus set an example of this by **always** “Pleasing” Father God.

**John 8:28-29**

28 **Then said Jesus unto them**, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

29 And he that sent me is with me: **the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.**

Just as Jesus “Pleased” the Father, we too need to do the things that “Please” Him! We can do this by allowing God to work within us to do His Will and His good “Pleasure”!

**Phil 2:13**

13 **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

We can “Please” God by **walking in** the Spirit. (Galatians 5:16 5:25 Romans 8:14)

**Rom 8:8-9**

8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

9 **But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

We can “Please” God through Praise and Thanksgiving.

**Ps 69:30-31**

30 **I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.**

31 **This also shall please the LORD** better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

We also need to do good and to communicate (fellowship or partnership) with the brethren in order to “Please” God.

**Heb 13:16**

16 **But to do good and to communicate** (fellowship or partnership) **forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.**

It is important as Christians to **pray** for others that they too might walk worthy of the Lord to His “Pleasing”.

**Col 1:9-11**

9 **For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

10 **That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

We need to **pray** for others to be strengthened with all might, so that they can endure patience and longsuffering with “Joyfulness”.

11 **Strengthened with all might**, according to his glorious power, **unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;**

Besides **praying** for others to walk worthy of the Lord in order to “Please” God, it is important to **beseech** and **exhort** the brethren that they do so.

### **1Thes 4:1-3**

1 **Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you** by the Lord Jesus, **that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.**

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

Because the ‘Will of God’ is our sanctification, which means the separation of ourselves from the things of this world.

3 **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication:

We need to remind the brethren that:

### **2 Tim 2:3-4**

3 **Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

4 **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

If we expect to go in the ‘Translation of the Church’ we **must** “Please” God just as Enoch did. This can only be accomplished through Faith! (Hebrews 11:1)

### **Heb 11:5-6**

5 **By faith Enoch was translated** that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: **for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

6 **But without faith it is impossible to please him:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

## **THE WORD OF GOD BRINGS DELIGHT AND REJOICING:**

The ‘Word of God’ will bring “Delight” to those that **read** it or **hear** it.

It is also important not to forget His Word but to **keep** it!

### **Ps 119:16**

16 **I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.**

### **Ps 119:67**

67 **Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.**

**Ps 119:69-70**

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.  
70 Their heart is as fat as grease; **but I delight in thy law** (word).

**Ps 119:77**

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: **for thy law** (word) **is my delight**.

**Ps 119:92**

92 **Unless thy law** (word) **had been my delights**, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

**Ps 119:174**

174 I have longed for thy salvation, **O LORD**; and **thy law** (word) **is my delight**.

**Rom 7:22**

22 **For I delight in the law** (word) **of God after the inward man**:

The 'Word of God' brings "Rejoicing" to our heart.

**Ps 119:162**

162 **I rejoice at thy word**, as one that findeth great spoil.

**Jer 15:16**

16 **Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart**: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

## **X. HOW TO TURN ALL OUR TROUBLES AND PROBLEMS INTO JOY AND GLADNESS:**

All human beings suffer from afflictions, troubles and problems. As Christians you can **add** correction and chastening to this list as God **allows** us to go through these things to help us to grow in our Christian walk. The important quality we have as Christians is not how many of these situations we go through, but rather how we react to them and how they affect our walk with God.

When we are experiencing troubled times in our life, we may not always be able to laugh or even be cordial to others. However, the **strength** and **courage** we display in our time of need **is** a definite witness to others and may lead them to Salvation. We are able to display this **strength** and **courage** because we know that we are more than 'conquerors' through Him that Loves us and that **nothing** can separate us from the Love of Christ. (Romans 8:35-39)

### **CRYING OUT TO THE LORD IN OUR TROUBLES:**

'Crying out' to the Lord in the time of troubles and distresses will **eventually** bring us "Gladness" and "Joy". This is because the Lord **will** hear us and **bring** us out of our troubles and distresses. Then He will calm the storm and make us "Glad" because of the quietness. He in turn **will** bring us into our desired (Delightful) haven.

**Ps 107:28-30**

28 **Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.**  
29 **He maketh the storm a calm**, so that the waves thereof are still.  
30 **Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired** (delightful) **haven**.

In the time of trouble the Lord **will** hide us in His dwelling place. He shall set us up upon **the** Rock (Jesus).

**Ps 27:5-6**

5 **For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle** (dwelling place) **shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock** (Jesus).

Even when we are still hurting, in order to be completely healed, we need to offer the **sacrifices** of “Joy”.

6 **And now shall mine head be lifted up** above mine enemies round about me: **therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy**; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

God **will** protect us and help us to Laugh in famine and in war; neither will we be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

**Job 5:20**

20 **In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.**

**Job 5:22**

22 **At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.**

**ENDURING THROUGH TRIALS:**

When we (the righteous) are going through trials, we need to know that when we **pray** the Lord **will** hear our prayers.

**1 Pet 3:12-14**

12 **For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:** but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Nothing will harm us **IF** we are followers (zealous) of that which is good!

13 **And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers** (zealous) **of that which is good?**

If God sees fit to allow us to go through some suffering for the sake of our Christian justification, we need to remain “Happy” in our heart. We should not be afraid of any **terrorists** nor be troubled!

14 **But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake** (the sake of Christian justification), **happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;**

When those in Christian Leadership go through trials of affliction and distress they are often comforted by the Faith of the brethren with whom they are ministering to.

**1Thes 3:7-9**

7 **Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:**

8 **For now we live (are alive), if ye stand fast in the Lord.**

Therefore, the Leaders can “Rejoice” before God for the “Joy” that the brethren have given them.

9 **For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy (are Happy, Rejoice) for your sakes before our God;**

Our brethren the Prophets are a good example of having suffered affliction and yet endured through patience.

**James 5:10-11**

10 **Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.**

Those that endure through trials and/or sufferings are counted as being “Happy” and “Blessed”. (Luke 21:19 2 Corinthians 6:4-6 James 1:3)

11 **Behold, we count them happy (call them Blessed) which endure.** Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful (extremely compassionate), and of tender mercy.

**CORRECTION & CHASTENING OF THE LORD:**

Although ‘Correction’ and/or ‘Chastening’ may seem to be a negative time in our lives, it is actually a positive time because it is God that is doing the ‘Correcting’ and/or ‘Chastening’.

**Job 5:17**

17 **Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:**

In most of today’s societies we are taught that ‘Correction’ is a negative thing and that it is wrong to punish anyone. We are told that we must always use positive ‘Correction’ and to do so with reward and not with punishment. **This is man’s doctrine and is not Biblical.**

The Bible states that “Blessed” or “Happy” is the person that receives God’s ‘Correction/Chastening’; therefore, **do not** despise the ‘Chastening’ of the Lord nor be weary of His ‘Correction’.

**Ps 94:12**

12 **Blessed (Happy) is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;**

**Prov 3:11**

11 **My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:**

God ‘Corrects’ us because He Loves us; just as earthly Fathers should ‘Correct’ their children whom they Love and “Delight” in!

**Prov 3:12**

12 **For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

**KEEPING A GOOD ATTITUDE:**

Keeping a ‘good attitude’ when we are being ‘persecuted’ for Christ’s sake will help us to “Be Happy”.

We should not think that it is strange when we go through ‘fiery trials’, but rather “Rejoice” because we have become partakers of Christ’s ‘sufferings’, and when His Glory is revealed we will be “Glad” with exceeding “Joy”.

**1 Pet 4:12-14**

12 **Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

13 **But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.**

We should “Be Happy” when we are reproached for the name of Christ because it is proof that the ‘Spirit of God’ rests upon us.

14 **If ye be reproached** (defamed, chided, taunted, reviled) **for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you:** on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

Count it all “Joy” when you go through various temptations (adversity), because it is a testing of your Faith and it will **fully** work your patience.

**James 1:2-3**

2 **My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers** (various) **temptations** (adversity);

3 **Knowing this, that the trying** (testing) **of your faith worketh** (fully works your) **patience.**

We need to keep a ‘good attitude’ even though we may be in heaviness for a season.

**1 Pet 1:6-8**

6 **Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold** (various) **temptations** (adversity):

We can do this by understanding that the testing of our Faith is more precious than of gold that is tried with fire. Although our Faith may be tested with fire, the results will be praise, honor and glory at the soon appearing of Jesus Christ.

7 **That the trial** (testing) **of your faith, being much more precious than of gold** that perisheth, **though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

Even though we have not yet seen Him, we Love and believe in Him and therefore we can “Rejoice” with unspeakable “Joy” that is full of glory.

8 **Whom having not seen, ye love;** in whom, though now ye see him not, **yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

## **TAKING PLEASURE IN OUR INFIRMITIES:**

Although ‘infirmities’ are not fun to go through, sometimes God allows them for a purpose in our lives. This is often true with Leaders in Ministry. God sometimes uses these ‘infirmities’ to help keep us in check with the amount of Godly knowledge and work He allows us to have. This is so that we will not get full of pride and FALL!

Paul was given a constant thorn (a bodily annoyance or disability) in the flesh to balance the measure of revelations that were given to him by God. Note also that Paul’s thorn was permanent!

### **2 Cor 12:7-10**

7 **And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn** (a bodily annoyance or disability) **in the flesh**, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I should be exalted above measure** (become haughty).

Even though Paul sought the Lord three times to be healed, the Lord told him that His grace was sufficient for him, and that **His strength was made perfect in weakness**.

8 **For this thing I besought the Lord thrice** (three times), **that it might depart from me**.

9 **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities**, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Just like Paul, all of us should take “Pleasure” in our ‘infirmities’ for when we are weak we are strong!

10 **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities**, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong**.

## **JOY COMES FROM OUR HEALINGS:**

There is no problem finding “Joy” when the Lord heals us. Many times it seems to take forever, but **eventually** God **will** answer our prayer for Healing. (Isaiah 53:5 1 Peter 2:24 John 9:1-3 John 11:1-4) (Read the Study Guide “Healing in the Last Days” by Timothy II)

When we are ill, weeping may endure for a night, but “Joy” **will** come in the morning.

### **Ps 30:1-5**

1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 **O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.**

3 **O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive**, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 **Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.**

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; **in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.**

## **XI. TURNING A LOSS TO JOY:**

When we lose someone, whether it is physically, mentally or Spiritually, it takes time to overcome the loss.

(Read the Book “There is a Time and a Season” by Timothy II)  
Eventually however, God promises us that sorrow **will** be turned into “Joy”.

**Ecc 3:1-4**

- 1 **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**  
 2 A time to be born, and **a time to die**; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
 3 A time to kill, and **a time to heal**; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
 4 **A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**

In the ‘Sermon on the Mount’, Jesus stated:

**Luke 6:21**

- 2 ...**Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.**

**WHEN LOSING A LOVED ONE THROUGH DEATH:**

When we lose a loved one through death, our sorrow **is** turned to “Joy” when we know that our loved one knew the Lord. This is because we know that our loved one is in a better place in the hands of the Lord.  
(Luke 23:46 John 14:2 1 Peter 1:3-5)

**1Thes 4:13-14**

- 13 **But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep** (deceased), **that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**  
 14 **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep (die) in Jesus will God bring with him.**

As for small children that die early, they too will go to be with the Lord because they have not yet reached the age of accountability. (2 Samuel 12:19-23 Matthew 18:3, 19:14 Mark 10:14-15 Luke 18:16-17 Galatians 3:26)

The following is a promise of God to you!

**Ps 116:15**

- 15 **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**

Here in Christ’s ‘Consolatory Discourse’, Jesus stated that if the Disciples loved Him, they would “Rejoice” when He died because He was going to the Father. Our loved ones that are Saved will be going to the Father when they die, therefore, our sorrow **shall** be turned to “Joy” if we truly Love the Lord Jesus.

**John 14:28**

- 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. **If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.**

**John 16:17**

- 17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, **and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?**

**John 16:20**

20 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.**

**John 16:22**

22 **And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.**

Paul stated that to die as a Christian is to actually gain

**Phil 1:20-21**

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, **so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.**

21 **For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

**THE LOSS OF A FAMILY:**

The following is a story about the loss of a family and everything that they owned. This is the ‘Story of Job’ and is an example of how God eventually turned tragedy into “Happiness”.

Notice that Job was an upright man and of great means and the tragic circumstances that came upon him wasn’t because of something he had done wrong!

**Job 1:1-3**

1 **There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.**

2 **And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.**

3 **His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.**

Satan however was allowed to enter into his life.

**Job 1:8-12**

8 **And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?**

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 **And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand.** So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Then Job lost everything.

**Job 1:14-21**

14 **And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:**

15 And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

Job even lost his sons and daughters.

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

19 And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

Even though Job went through these many trials, God blessed him in the end, and restored his family and doubled his worldly goods.

This is a story of how God **will** eventually turn tragedy into “Happiness” if you stay Faithful to Him.

#### **Job 42:10**

10 And the LORD turned (restored), the captivity (former state of prosperity) of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

#### **Job 42:12-13**

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

#### **Job 42:15-16**

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations.

### **THE RETURN OF A LOST LOVED ONE:**

There is cause for great “Happiness” when a loved one who has gone astray returns.

The following is an example of this in the parable of the ‘Prodigal Son’.

#### **Luke 15:11-14**

11 ...A certain man had two sons:

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there **wasted his substance with riotous living.**

14 **And when he had spent all,** there arose a mighty famine in that land; and **he began to be in want.**

**Luke 15:17-20**

17 **And when he came to himself, he said,** How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 **I will arise and go to my father,** and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 **And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

**Luke 15:21-32**

21 **And the son said unto him, Father, I** have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and **am no more worthy to be called thy son.**

22 **But the father said to his servants,** Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And **bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:**

24 **For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.**

25 **Now his elder son** was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he **heard musick and dancing.**

26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

28 **And he was angry,** and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29 **And he answering said to his father,** Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet **thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:**

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

31 **And he said unto him, Son,** thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 **It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.**

**IN GOD'S MERCY IS GLADNESS AND REJOICING:**

No matter what our loss may be, God provides us with the ability to have "Gladness" and "Rejoicing" in the midst of all of our troubles and adversities because He "Delights" in Mercy.

**Ps 31:7**

7 **I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;**

**Ps 90:14**

14 **O satisfy us early (in the morning) with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

**Ps 94:18-19**

18 **When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.**

19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me **thy comforts delight my soul.**

**Micah 7:18**

18 **Who is a God like unto thee**, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, **because he delighteth in mercy.**

**XII. THE JOY OF SALVATION:**

There is great “Joy” in knowing that we have the Salvation of the Lord through Faith. (1 Thessalonians 5:9  
2 Timothy 3:15)

Our hearts can truly “Rejoice” in the Lord because we “Rejoice” in **His** Salvation.

**1 Sam 2:1**

1 And Hannah prayed, and said, **My heart rejoiceth in the LORD**, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; **because I rejoice in thy salvation.**

**Ps 9:14**

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: **I will rejoice in thy salvation.**

**Ps 13:5**

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; **my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.**

**Ps 20:5**

5 **We will rejoice in thy salvation**, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

**Ps 35:9**

9 **And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.**

If we love the Salvation of the Lord, we should continually say ‘The Lord be magnified’ (lifted up).

**Ps 40:16 Ps 70:4**

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: **let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified** (lifted up).

When we truly find God’s Salvation, the “Joy” we receive will cause us to sacrifice the ‘things’ of the world.

**Matt 13:44**

44 Again, **the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field**; the which **when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.**

Once we realize that God **is** our Salvation we can rest in that truth. Then we can continually draw the water out of the wells (springs) of our Salvation with “Joy”.

**Isa 12:2-3**

2 **Behold, God is my salvation**; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; **he also is become my salvation.**

3 **Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells** (springs) **of salvation.**

We can “Rejoice” in the Lord (Jesus) and be “Joyful” in God the Father because He **has** clothed us with the garments of Salvation.

**Isa 61:10**

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

**Hab 3:18**

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

**KINGS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS:**

Even Kings and Government Leaders will “Rejoice” if they know the Salvation of the Lord.

**Ps 21:1**

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

**Ps 21:5-7**

5 His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

**WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS SALVATION?**

God’s Salvation is for everyone, including the Gentiles (non-Jewish). (Acts 28:28 Romans 1:16)

**Acts 13:47-48**

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles (non-Jewish), that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

**Rom 10:12-13**

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (Gentiles): for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**THE HUMBLE AND THE POOR ARE GLAD:**

The humble and the poor are “Glad” in the Salvation of the Lord because He will set them on high from affliction.

**Ps 69:29-33**

29 But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

**Ps 107:41-43**

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 **Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.**

### **WE ARE PREDESTINED AND SAVED THROUGH GRACE:**

Although we may not understand it completely, we can have “Joy” in our Salvation because Jesus Christ **has** predestined us and has chosen us **in Him before** the foundation of the world.

#### **Eph 1:4-9**

4 According as **he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,**

He has Saved us through His Grace. (2 Timothy 1:9 Ephesians 2:8-9 Romans 5:21)

6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted** in the beloved.

7 **In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

### **XIII. THE JOY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

Once we become a Christian, we become ‘Righteous’ in the eyes of the Lord. (Romans 5:18-19)

‘Righteousness’ however, comes from God and not from us because **our** righteousness is as filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6 Romans 3:10 1 John 3:7)

### **THE RIGHTEOUS:**

The ‘Righteous’ are “Glad” and “Rejoice” in the Lord.

#### **Ps 33:1**

1 **Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous:** for praise is comely for the upright.

#### **Ps 64:10**

10 **The righteous shall be glad in the LORD**, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

#### **Ps 68:3**

3 **But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.**

#### **Ps 97:12**

12 **Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous;** and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

#### **Ps 32:11**

11 **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.**

#### **Prov 28:12**

12 **When righteous men do rejoice, there is great glory: ...**

“Happy” are they that **do** ‘Righteousness’ **all** the time.

**Ps 106:3**

3 **Blessed** (Happy) **are they** that keep judgment, and he **that doeth righteousness at all times**.

The ‘Righteous’ sing and “Rejoice”. They regard the cause of the poor.

**Prov 29:6-7**

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but **the righteous doth sing and rejoice**.

7 **The righteous considereth** (regard) **the cause of the poor**: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

When the ‘Righteous’ are in authority or increase in number, the people “Rejoice”.

**Prov 29:2**

2 **When the righteous are in authority** (increase in number), **the people rejoice**: ...

**XIV. GREETINGS THAT BRING JOY:**

The **manner** in which we greet people can make a big difference in their lives. When we greet them with ‘Good News’, it usually causes them to react to us in a positive manner thereby allowing them to be uplifted.

**THE HEARING OF GOOD TIDINGS (GOOD NEWS):**

The hearing of ‘Good Tidings’ (Good News) causes people to “Be Happy”. The ‘Good Tidings’ (Good News) is when we mention God!

**Nahum 1:15**

15 **Behold** upon the mountains **the feet of him that bringeth good tidings**, that publisheth peace!...

**Isa 52:7**

7 **How beautiful** upon the mountains **are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings**, that publisheth peace; **that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

**Isa 40:9**

9 **O Zion, that bringest good tidings**, get thee up into the high mountain; **O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength**; lift it up, be not afraid; **say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!**

**Isa 41:27**

27 **The first shall say to Zion**, Behold, behold them: and **I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings**.

**THE BRINGING OF GOOD TIDINGS (GOOD NEWS):**

When we bring ‘Good Tidings’ of the Brethren’s faith and love, it will leave an everlasting remembrance of us.

**1Thes 3:6**

6 But now when **Timotheus** came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity (love), and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:

We can bring 'Good Tidings' through the power of **Anointed** Preaching!

**Isa 61:1-3**

1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek** (depressed, needy Saints, humble, lowly, poor); he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, **to give** unto them beauty for ashes, **the oil of joy for mourning**, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

We can bring 'Good Tidings' by Preaching and showing the Kingdom of God and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Luke 8:1**

1 **And** it came to pass afterward, that **he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God:** and the twelve were with him,

**Acts 13:32-33**

32 **And we declare unto you glad tidings**, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.**

But how can they hear the 'Good Tidings' without a Preacher?

**Rom 10:14-15**

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and **how shall they hear without a preacher?**

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, **How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

Even Angels can bring 'Good Tidings' that bring great "Joy".

**Luke 1:19**

19 **And the angel** answering said unto him, **I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.**

**Luke 2:8-11**

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, **the angel of the Lord came upon them**, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 **And the angel said** unto them, Fear not: for, behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy**, which shall be to all people.

11 **For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

## **XV. MUSIC CAN BRING JOY:**

It is a known fact that music can bring “Joy” to people. Music is a good therapy for people whether it is used just to brighten our day, or whether it is used to calm those who are going through various struggles.

The problem with music is that not **all** music is good for us to listen to. Since Satan is the Prince (or Chief Ruler) of the power (or authority) of the air and was musically inclined since his creation, he has come to control much of the music of the world and has perverted its sounds and lyrics. (Ephesians 2:2 Ezekiel 28:13-15)

This is why it is so important to critique the music we listen to, and especially the music our children listen to. We can be assured that if the music **edifies** the Lord, then it is perfectly O.K. to listen to.

As it says in James, whether we are Cheerful or in need of Cheering up let us sing psalms (make melody).

### **James 5:13**

13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. **Is any merry** (cheerful, or need cheering up)? **let him sing psalms** (make melody).

We as Saints should not be afraid to sing loudly upon our beds because of our “Joy” in the glorious things of the Lord.

### **Ps 149:5**

5 **Let the saints be joyful in glory** (glorious things): **let them sing aloud upon their beds.**

## **HAPPINESS AND MUSIC GO TOGETHER:**

It is a natural inclination to sing and dance, and play music with instruments when we celebrate various “Happy” events in our lives.

Here the women of Israel celebrated the arrival of David after a great victory with “Joy” and music.

### **1 Sam 18:6**

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that **the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets** (tambourines), **with joy, and with instruments of musick.**

Here the people “Rejoiced” with great “Joy” and music at the Anointing of Solomon as King.

### **1 King 1:39-40**

39 **And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet;** and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, **and the people piped with pipes** (played the flutes), **and rejoiced with great joy**, so that the earth (ground) rent (shook) with the sound of them.

David appointed the priests (the Levites) to be singers and to play musical instruments with “Joy” as they moved the Ark of the Covenant.

**1 Chr 15:16**

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries (stringed instruments) and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

**1 Chr 15:25**

25 So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obededom with joy.

**1 Chr 15:27-29**

27 And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries (stringed instruments) and harps.

Even though some denominations are against it, the Bible teaches that it is good to Praise the Lord with singing, with the playing of musical instruments **and** with dance, **in** the Churches. (Psalms 150:3-6)

We are to Praise the Lord and “Rejoice” before Him by Singing with **our voices**:

**Ps 149:1**

1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

**Ps 68:4**

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

**Ps 71:23**

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

**Ps 104:33-34**

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

We are to Praise the Lord and make a “Joyful” noise unto Him by Singing with **musical instruments**:

**Ps 68:24-26**

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, **in the sanctuary**.

25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

**Ps 98:4-6**

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

6 **With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.**

We are to Praise the Lord **in dance** because the Lord takes “Pleasure” in His people:

**Ps 149:3-4**

3 **Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.**

4 **For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.**

**XVI. BEING IN MINISTRY BRINGS JOY AND GLADNESS:**

No matter how we Serve in the ‘Ministry’, it should bring “Joy” and “Gladness”. (Matthew 11:30)

**PREACHING JESUS BRINGS JOY:**

Preaching Jesus brings “Joy”. Even though we may not agree with those that **are** ‘Preaching’ Jesus, we should “Rejoice” that Jesus **is** being ‘Preached’.

**Phil 1:14-18**

14 **And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.**

15 **Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:**

16 **The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:**

17 **But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.**

18 **What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.**

When we ‘Preach’ the Gospel of Jesus, we should **not** speak to “Please” men, but to “Please” God.

**1Thes 2:4**

4 **But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak (preach); not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.**

This is because even though God may consider ‘Preaching’ as foolishness (silliness or absurdity), it “Pleases” God to use ‘Preaching’ to save those that believe. Amen!

**1 Cor 1:21**

21 **For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness (silliness or absurdity) of preaching to save them that believe.**

**BEING A WITNESS TO OTHERS:**

Wherever we go, we should be of “Good Cheer” because God **will** use us as a ‘Witness’ to bring “Good Cheer” to others.

**Acts 23:11**

11 And the night following **the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**

**Acts 27:21-25**

21 But after long abstinence **Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said,** Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And **now I exhort you to be of good cheer:** for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 **For there stood by me this night the angel of God,** whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 **Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.**

25 **Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God,** that it shall be even as it was told me.

**Acts 27:36**

36 **Then were they all of good cheer,** and they also took some meat.

**THE MINISTRY TO THE SAINTS:**

Serving in the 'Ministry to the Saints' by helping them to meet their needs, brings "Gladness" and "Joy".

**1 Cor 16:15-18**

15 I beseech you, brethren, (**ye know the house** of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and **that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.**)

16 **That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.**

17 **I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.**

18 **For they have refreshed my spirit and yours:** therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

**2 Cor 8:1-4**

1 **Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit (make known to you) of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;**

2 **How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.**

3 **For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves;**

4 Praying us with much intreaty **that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.**

Those that 'Minister to the Saints' are "Glad" when the brethren are strong, even though they themselves may be weak.

**2 Cor 13:7-9**

7 **Now I pray to God** that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but **that ye should do that which is honest,** though we be as reprobates.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

9 **For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong:** and this also we wish, even your perfection.

Neither do they count their lives precious to themselves, but are more concerned with finishing their course (race) with "Joy". (Read the Tract "Running the Race" by Timothy II)

**Acts 20:24**

24 But none of these things move me, **neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course (race) with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus,** to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

**Phil 2:16-18**

16 Holding forth the word of life; **that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.**

17 **Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.**

18 **For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.**

**2 Cor 1:24**

24 **Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.**

**SENDING AND RECEIVING OTHERS IN MINISTRY:**

Sending and Receiving others in the 'Ministry' brings "Gladness" and "Rejoicing" to both.

**Phil 2:25**

25 **Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.**

**Phil 2:28-29**

28 **I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.**

29 **Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:**

**1Thes 3:2**

2 **And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ,** to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

**1Thes 3:6**

6 **But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity,** and that ye have good remembrance of us **always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you:**

**1Thes 3:8-9**

8 **For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.**

9 **For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;**

**2 Tim 1:4**

4 **Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;**

**Phile 1:7**

7 **For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.**

**Phile 1:20**

20 **Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.**

**II Jn 1:4**

4 **I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.**

**3 Jn 1:3-4**

3 **For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.**

4 **I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**

**SOWING & REAPING IN MINISTRY:**

In Ministry, some are called by God **to go** and others are called by God **to give** in order to send. Both bring “Rejoicing”.

**Isa 32:20**

20 **Blessed (Happy) are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox (those that travel about) and the ass (those that toil at home).**

**John 4:35-38**

35 **Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**

36 **And he that reapeth (harvests) receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth (scatters seed) and he that reapeth (harvests) may rejoice together.**

37 **And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.**

38 **I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.**

We as Saints sometimes go through sufferings and tears as we share the Gospel with others. When we are going through these situations, we need to remember that although we may have ‘sowed’ with tears we **shall eventually** ‘reap’ in “Joy”!

**Ps 126:5-6**

5 **They that sow (plant) in tears shall reap (harvest) in joy.**

We **will** “Rejoice” when we return with the Lord bringing with us the ‘fruit’ of our labors.

6 **He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing (carrying or yielding) precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Ignore those that hate you for naming the Name of Jesus because **He** shall appear to our “Joy”.

**Isa 66:5**

5 **Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**

**BUILDING THE HOUSE OF THE LORD:**

The Lord is well “Pleased” when we build the ‘House of the Lord’.

**Hag 1:7-8**

7 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.**

8 **Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.**

There is great “Joy” in the Congregation when the foundation of the ‘House of the Lord’ is laid.

**Ezra 3:11-13**

11 **And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD;** because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. **And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.**

12 **But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:**

13 **So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.**

Those that are responsible for laying the foundation of the ‘House of the Lord’ **will** finish it! The people will “Rejoice” when they see the plummet in the hand of the foundation layer along with the Holy Spirit (the Seven Spirits of God). (Revelation 4:5 5:6)

**Zech 4:9-10**

9 **The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it;** and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? **for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**

When the ‘House of the Lord’ is finished and dedicated it brings “Joy” and “Gladness” of heart.

**IKing 8:63**

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. **So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.**

**IKing 8:66**

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, **and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart** for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

**IKing 9:1-2**

1 And it came to pass, **when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do,**

2 That **the LORD appeared to Solomon** the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

**2 Chr 7:10-11**

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month **he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart** for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 **Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD,** and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

**Ezra 6:15-16**

15 **And this house was finished** on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 **And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy,**

When the Service of the 'House of the Lord' is set in order, all the people will "Rejoice".

**2 Chr 29:35-36**

35 **And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.**

36 **And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people,** that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

**Neh 12:43-44**

43 **Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made (caused) them to rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.**

44 **And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes,** to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: **for Judah rejoiced** for the priests and for the Levites that waited.

**COUNSEL AND ADVICE:**

When 'Serving' in the Ministry, it is important to remember that when you give **good** 'Counsel' or 'Advice', it will **always** bless a heavy heart and make it "Glad". (Proverbs 20:5 19:20-21)

**Prov 12:25**

25 **Heaviness in the heart** of man maketh it stoop: but **a good word** (counsel or advice) **maketh it glad.**

**Prov 15:23**

23 **A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word** (counsel or advice) **spoken in due season** (at the right time), **how good is it!**

**PRAISE REPORTS:**

Praise Reports are important to share with the Brethren and will bring great "Joy".

**Acts 15:3**

3 **And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.**

This is true when we **visit** the Brethren and bring a Good Word.

**Rom 15:32**

32 **That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.**

**2 Cor 7:13**

13 **Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.**

**Phil 1:25-26**

25 And having this confidence, **I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;**

26 **That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.**

**II Jn 1:12**

12 **Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.**

This is also true when we **write** the Brethren and bring a Good Word. Paul wrote to the Brethren:

**2 Cor 2:3**

3 **And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.**

**Phil 2:2**

2 **Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.**

**Phil 2:16-18**

16 Holding forth the word of life; **that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.**

17 **Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.**

18 **For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.**

**Rom 16:19**

19 **For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.**

**USING OUR GIFTS IN MINISTRY:**

Regardless of the 'Gifts' that God may give us, we need to **use** them with "Cheerfulness".

**Rom 12:6-8**

6 **Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;**

7 **Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;**

8 **Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.**

Seeing and Hearing the 'Gifts' **in action** brings great "Joy".

**Acts 8:5-8**

5 **Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.**

6 **And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

7 **For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.**

8 **And there was great joy in that city.**

## **REJOICE BECAUSE OUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN:**

Even though God may use us in Ministering in the ‘Gifts’, the **real** “Joy” comes from knowing that our Names **are** written in Heaven.

### **Luke 10:17-20**

17 **And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 **Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

## **XVII. FEASTINGS AND FESTIVALS:**

Throughout the Bible there are many celebrations of ‘Feastings and Festivals’ unto the Lord, just as today there are those of us who celebrate Christmas and Easter unto the Honor of the Lord.

### **CELEBRATING FEASTINGS AND FESTIVALS:**

There is real “Joy” and “Rejoicing” when celebrating ‘Feastings and Festivals’ unto the Lord.

The Feast of Tabernacles: (Nehemiah 8:14-17)

#### **Lev 23:34**

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.**

#### **Lev 23:40**

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; **and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.**

#### **Deut 16:13-15**

13 **Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days**, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine:

14 **And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast**, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 **Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God** in the place which the LORD shall choose: **because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.**

The Feast of Unleavened Bread: (Exodus 13:3-10)

#### **2 Chr 30:21-27**

21 **And the children of Israel** that were present at Jerusalem **kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness:** and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, **singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.**

22 **And Hezekiah spake** comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: **and they did eat throughout the feast seven days**, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: **and they kept other seven days with gladness.**

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 **And all the congregation of Judah**, with the priests and the Levites, **and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.**

26 **So there was great joy in Jerusalem:** for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, **and their prayer came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.**

#### **Ezra 6:21-22**

21 **And the children of Israel**, which were come again out of captivity, **and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land**, to seek the LORD God of Israel, **did eat,**

22 **And kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyful**, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

The Feast of Purim: (Esther 9:27-32)

#### **Esth 9:22-23**

22 **As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.**

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;

#### **Esth 9:26**

26 **Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur.** Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

### **FASTING ALSO BRINGS JOY AND GLADNESS:**

Although it may be hard to believe, ‘Fasting’ can also help to bring “Joy” and “Gladness” and to make “Cheerful” ‘Feasts’.

#### **Zech 8:19**

19 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts;** therefore love the truth and peace.

## **XVIII. HOW TO BE HAPPIER AND SUPREME BLESSED:**

So far in this Study Guide we have been studying on ‘How To’ “Be Happy”.

In this Section however, we will learn ‘How To’ even “**Be Happier**”.

In other words, we will learn **How** to **increase** our “Happiness”. This in turn will hopefully improve our ability to remain in a more **permanent** state of “Happiness”.

In the KJV of the New Testament, the following Scriptures use the term ‘Blessed’ for the Greek word ‘makarios’. Actually the term ‘makarios’ **also** means to be “**Be Happier**” and/or “**Supremely Blest**”.

**3107 makarios** (mak-ar'-ee-os);

a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); **supremely blest**; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV-- blessed, **happy** (X **-ier**).

In the following Scriptures, I have taken the liberty to use the terms “**Happier**” or “**Supremely Blessed**” based on their context and meaning.

If we will live according to the wisdom of these Scriptures, we can be assured that no matter what the circumstances in our lives, we can learn to **always** “**Be Happy**” **within our hearts**.

**Matt 5:3-12**

3 **Blessed (Happier) are the poor in spirit** (emptied of self and the world, content): **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

4 **Blessed (Happier) are they that mourn** (grieve, wail): **for they shall be comforted.**

5 **Blessed (Happier) are the meek** (gentle, humble): **for they shall inherit the earth.**

6 **Blessed (Happier) are they which do hunger** (crave) **and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

7 **Blessed (Happier) are the merciful** (compassionate): **for they shall obtain mercy.**

8 **Blessed (Happier) are the pure** (clean) **in heart** (the thoughts and feelings, mind): **for they shall see God.**

9 **Blessed (Happier) are the peacemakers** (peaceable, quiet): **for they shall be called the children of God.**

10 **Blessed (Happier) are they which are persecuted** (suffering) **for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

11 **Blessed (Happier) are ye, when men shall revile** (defame, rail, chide, taunt) **you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely** (by lies), **for my sake.**

12 **Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**

**Matt 11:6 Luke 7:23**

6 **And blessed (Happier) is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.**

If you will **see** with your Spiritual eyes and **hear** with your Spiritual ears, you will understand the things of God and you **will be** “**Supremely Blest**”. (Matthew 13:9-15)

**Matt 13:16-17 Luke 10:23-24**

16 **But blessed (Supremely Blest) are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.**

17 **For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

We are “**Supremely Blest**” when we **know** that Jesus Christ **is** the Son of the living God.

**Matt 16:13**

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

**Matt 16:16-17**

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed (Supremely Blest) art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was “Supremely Blest” because she **believed** the things that the Lord revealed to her would actually come to pass. Therefore, we know throughout all generations, that we can count Mary as “Happy” even though she knew the responsibility and trials that would befall her as Jesus’ mother.

**Luke 1:45-48**

45 And **blessed** (Supremely Blest) **is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.**

46 And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: **for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed** (count me Happy).

Jesus told His Disciples that even though they might be poor or hungry, even though they may weep, even though some men shall hate them, “Happier” are they.

**Luke 6:22**

20 And he (Jesus) **lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed (Happier) be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.**

21 **Blessed (Happier) are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed (Happier) are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.**

22 **Blessed (Happier) are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.**

23 **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.**

We are “Supremely Blest” when we hear the Word of God **and we keep it!**

**Luke 11:27-28**

27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, **a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed (Supremely Blest) is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.**

28 **But he said, Yea rather, blessed (Supremely Blest) are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.**

When we have a Celebration, we will “Be Happier” if we invite the poor and/or the handicapped because they cannot repay us.

**Luke 14:13-14**

13 **But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:**

14 **And thou shalt be blessed** (Happier); for they cannot recompense thee: **for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

We are “Happier” when we believe in Jesus even though we have not seen Him. We are only able to accomplish this by believing through **Faith**. (Ephesians 2:8 Galatians 3:22)

**John 20:29**

29 **Jesus saith** unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed** (Happier) **are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**

**Rom 4:6-9**

6 **Even as David also describeth the blessedness** (good fortune) **of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,**  
 7 **Saying, Blessed** (Happier) **are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.**  
 8 **Blessed** (Happier) **is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.**  
 9 **Cometh this blessedness** (good fortune) **then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.**

**Rom 4:13**

13 **For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.**

Paul stated that we ought to Minister to the needy Saints and to remember that Jesus said that we are “Happier” when we **give** rather than when we receive!

**Acts 20:35**

35 **I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed** (Happier are you) **to give than to receive.**

We are “Happier” when we **patiently endure** temptation (adversity).

**James 1:12**

12 **Blessed** (Happier) **is the man that endureth** (patiently) **temptation** (adversity): **for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,** which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

We are “Happier” when we become **doer’s** of the work of the Lord, rather than being forgetful hearers, because we will be “Supremely Blest” in our deeds.

**2 Chr 6:41** (Solomon Stated:)

41 **Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness** (doing good deeds).

**James 1:25**

25 **But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed** (Supremely Blest) **in his deed.**

**Rev 14:13**

13 **And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed (Supremely Blest) are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

We become “Happier” **and** “Supremely Blest” when we are ‘Watching’ for the **soon** Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! (Read the Study Guide “Watch” by Timothy II)

**Matt 24:42**

42 **Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

**Matt 24:44**

44 **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

**Matt 24:46 Luke 12:43**

46 **Blessed (Supremely Blest) is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

**Luke 12:37**

37 **Blessed (Happier) are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:** verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

**Titus 2:13**

13 **Looking for that blessed (Supremely Blest) hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

It doesn't matter whether we think Jesus is Coming in the pre-tribulation period, the mid-tribulation period or the post tribulation period, as long as we remain ‘Watching’, we **will** “Be Happier”!

**Luke 12:38**

38 **And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed (Happier) are those servants.**

**Rev 1:3**

3 **Blessed (Happier) is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.**

**Rev 16:15**

15 **Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed (Happier) is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

“Happier” are those that **are assured** that they **are called** to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (Matthew 22:10-13)

**Rev 19:9**

9 **And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed (Happier) are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**

**Rev 20:6**

6 **Blessed (Happier) and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

**Rev 22:7**

7 **Behold, I come quickly: blessed (Happier) is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

**Rev 22:14**

14 **Blessed (Happier) are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.**

**XIX. ISRAEL:**

The following section is a special tribute to Israel to encourage them through the Scriptures that no matter what their circumstances are now, they have the right to know 'How To' "Be Happy" and 'How To' stay "Happy".

**BE HAPPY O, ISRAEL:**

In order to "Be Happy" 'O Israel' the first thing you need to be reminded of as a Nation, is that it "Pleases" God to 'Bless' Israel.

**Num 24:1**

1 And when Balaam saw that **it pleased the LORD to bless Israel**, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

The "Joy" of the **whole earth is** Mount Zion, the city of **your** Great King.

**Ps 48:2**

2 Beautiful for situation, **the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion**, on the sides of the north, **the city of the great King**.

'O Israel' be "Joyful" in your King and "Rejoice" in Him that made you.

**Ps 149:2**

2 **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

There is none like the God of Israel.

**Deut 33:26**

26 **There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun** (Israel), who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.

**He is** the Lord who has made you to "Rejoice" over your enemies. **He is** the Lord that will **still** fight against the enemies of Israel.

**2 Chr 20:27-29**

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the **LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.**

28 **And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD.**

29 **And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.**

Sing and shout ‘O Israel’, be “Glad” and “Rejoice” with all your heart, for **He is** your refuge and **He alone** will thrust out (cast out) the enemy of Israel and destroy them.

**Deut 33:27**

27 **The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.**

**Zeph 3:14-16**

14 **Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

15 **The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.**

16 **In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.**

Then you will dwell in safety and you **will** “Be Happy”.

**Deut 33:28-29**

28 **Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.**

29 **Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.**

As in the past, you **will** retain your “Joy” and “Gladness”.

**Esth 8:13**

13 **The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.**

**Esth 8:15-17**

15 **And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.**

16 **The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour.**

17 **And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.**

The Lord is waiting for you ‘O Israel’ **to exalt Him** so that He may be gracious to you and to have mercy on you. “Happy” are **all** those that wait for Him.

**Isa 30:18-19**

18 **And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed (Happy) are all they that wait for him.**

19 **For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.**

Be “Glad” ‘O Israel’ and “Rejoice” in the Lord because He **will** bring to you the former rain and the latter rain at the same time.

### **Joel 2:21-23**

21 **Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.**

22 **Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.**

23 **Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.**

“Rejoice” because God **will** save a ‘remnant’ of His people. They shall dance and make “Merry” and sing with “Gladness”.

### **Jer 31:4-7**

4 **Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.**

5 **Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.**

6 **For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.**

7 **For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.**

Sing and “Rejoice” ‘O Israel’ because your **King is coming soon** to dwell in the midst of you. “Rejoice” greatly because He is coming with His Salvation.

### **Zech 2:10**

10 **Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.**

### **Zech 9:9**

9 **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. (Matthew 21:5)**

Your children **shall** see it and be “Glad” and their heart **shall** “Rejoice” in the Lord.

### **Zech 10:7**

7 **And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.**

The Lord **will soon** bring forth His chosen with “Joy” and “Gladness”. Praise ye the Lord!

**Ps 105:42-45**

- 42 **For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.**  
 43 **And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:**  
 44 **And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people;**  
 45 **That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.**

This **will** come to fruition when the Lord brings back **the captivity** of His people. Jacob shall “Rejoice” and Israel shall be “Glad”.

**Ps 14:7 Ps 53:6**

- 7 **Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.**

Therefore, ‘O Israel’, **pray for your captivity** by the Lord!

**Ps 126:4**

- 4 **Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.**

Then when God causes **the captivity** of Israel to return, He will cleanse **all** the people from their sins against Him and pardon them from **all** their iniquities.

**Jer 33:7-8**

- 7 **And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.**  
 8 **And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.**

Then your mouths **will be filled** with “Laughter” and singing, and **you will** be “Glad”.

**Ps 126:1-3**

- 1 **When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.**  
 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.**  
 3 **The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.**

Israel will **then** be to God a Name of “Joy” and an honor before all Nations.

**Jer 33:9**

- 9 **And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.**

When the Lord returns **the captivity** of Israel as at the first, then with the voice of “Joy” and of “Gladness” Israel shall say ‘Praise the Lord’, for the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever.

**Jer 33:11**

11 **The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.**

Once the Messiah (Jesus) has returned, **God will turn** all mourning into “Joy” and make His people “Rejoice” from their sorrow.

**Jer 31:12-13**

12 **Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD,** for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: **and their soul shall be as a watered garden;** and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

13 **Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.**

All of us Christians that **love** Israel should not only pray for Jerusalem but also to “Rejoice” and be “Glad” with her. We that mourn for her should “Rejoice for Joy” with her. Amen!

**Isa 66:10**

10 **Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:**

## **XX. THE NATIONS!**

All the Nations that once knew the **True** God can once again “Be Happy” **if** they will **return** to ‘God the Father’ who’s Son is the Lord Jesus Christ! The Nations that do not know the **True** God can also “Be Happy” if they will **turn** to ‘God the Father’ **and His** Son Jesus Christ. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

**Ps 33:12**

12 **Blessed (Happy) is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.**

Even the poorest Nations can buy and eat of God’s Spiritual Goodness without money or price.

**Isa 55:1-2**

1 **Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.**

Why do we in the rich Nations labor for that which doesn’t satisfy or spend all our money on our pleasures and wonder why we are not “Happy”?

2 **Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which**

**satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.**

All the Nations both rich and poor need to learn to bring their Tithes and Offerings into God's storehouse and then He **will** Bless them. Notice He doesn't ask for all of our money, but just our Tithes and Offerings. (Malachi 3: 7-9) (Read the Study Guide "Tithes and Offerings" by Timothy II)

### **Mal 3:10-12**

10 **Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.**

If a Nation will be Faithful to the Lord and bring in it's Tithes and Offerings, He will rebuke Satan for it's sake and all the Nations will call that Nation "Happy".

11 **And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.**

12 **And all nations shall call you blessed (Happy): for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.**

Some Nations **pretend** that they are righteous and follow the ordinances of God. They **pretend** to seek God daily and "Delight" to know His ways, but instead they fast for strife and debate and to smite with the fist of wickedness.

### **Isa 58:2**

2 **Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.**

### **Isa 58:4**

4 **Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.**

However, all these Nations that are **out of order** can "Delight" themselves in the Lord **if** they will humble themselves and quit doing their own pleasures and ways and speaking their own words.

### **Isa 58:13-14**

13 **If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:**

14 **Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.**

## **XXI. WARNINGS:**

There are times as Christians that we are **not** to "Be Happy" or to "Rejoice" or to be "Glad".

The following Scripture states that we should **not** “Rejoice” over the fall of an enemy or be “Glad” in our heart when he stumbles. If we do the Lord will be displeased and He may take away His wrath from him. (Proverbs 25:21 Romans 12:20 Matthew 5:43-44)

**Prov 24:17-18**

17 **Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth:**  
 18 **Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.**

The following is a ‘Warning’ **not** to “Rejoice” in our boastings (bragging or pride), because such “Rejoicing” is evil.

**James 4:16**

16 **But now ye rejoice in your boastings (bragging or pride): all such rejoicing is evil.**

This ‘Warning’ is to those that may **call** themselves Christians but may **not** be Saved. Even though you may have received the Word of God **with** “Joy”, this alone will **not** bring Salvation!! You may not have established roots and when trials or temptations arose, you became offended and fell away. This is a sign that you are **not** Saved.

**Matt 13:20-21**

20 **But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon (immediately) with joy receiveth it;**  
 21 **Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation (pressures, troubles, afflictions) or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.**

**Luke 8:13**

13 **They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.**

The following is a ‘Warning’ to those people such as Psychologists, Counselors, etc., that try to tell the wicked that they are righteous. This ‘Warning’ can also include Christians that believe that everyone will be Saved, or that once Saved always Saved.

**Prov 24:24-25**

24 **He that saith unto the wicked, Thou are righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:**

Those instead that rebuke the wicked, will be a “Delight” and good blessings will come to them.

25 **But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.**

**XXII. PRAYING IN TIME OF NEED:**

The following are the types of prayers that Christians should pray in time of need.

We should ask God to be “Pleased” (to consent with “Delight”) to deliver us and to make haste (to be eager with “Enjoyment”) to help us.

**Ps 40:13**

13 **Be pleased** (to consent with Delight), **O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste** (be eager with Enjoyment) **to help me.**

We should pray that God **will** help us to **hear** (understand & pay attention to) “Joy” and “Gladness”.

**Ps 51:8**

8 **Make me to hear** (understand & pay attention to) **joy and gladness**; that the bones which thou hast broken may **rejoice.**

When we become dry or burned out, we need to pray that God **will restore** the “Joy” of our Salvation.

**Ps 51:12**

12 **Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation**; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

We need to ask God to **revive** us again so that we may “Rejoice” in Him. (Psalms 138:7 Hosea 6:1-2)

**Ps 85:6**

6 **Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

We should pray that God **will** cause our soul to “Rejoice”, and we should **thank** Him for His forgiveness and mercy.

**Ps 86:4-5**

4 **Rejoice the soul of thy servant**: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 **For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.**

We should pray that God **will** remember us with favor, and that He **will** bestow upon us His Salvation, so that we may “Rejoice” in the “Gladness” of His people. (Luke 21:36 1 Peter 4:18)

**Ps 106:4-5**

4 **Remember me, O LORD, with the favour** that thou bearest unto thy people: **O visit me with** (bestow upon me) **thy salvation**;

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, **that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation** (people), that I may glory with thine inheritance.

We should **intercede** in prayer for the ‘Body of Christ’, **thanking** God for every remembrance of them and making **all** of our requests **with** “Joy”. (Ephesians 6:18 Colossians 1:3)

**Phil 1:3-4**

3 **I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

4 **Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,**

## **XXIII. OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!**

As Christians our future is bright! I believe just before the Lord returns, God **is** going to pour out His Spirit and turn the **True Church** into a 'fruitful field'. This will be accomplished as the Church comes into the **presence** of the 'Godhead'. (Acts 17:29-30)

The dry and desert Church of today will be "Glad" and "Rejoice" for them (the Godhead). (Genesis 1:26)

### **Isa 35:1-2**

1 **The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them** (the Godhead); **and the desert** (dry Church) **shall rejoice**, and **blossom** as the rose (of Sharon).

The Church will then blossom and shall bring "Rejoicing" with "Joy" and singing when they see the 'Glory of the Lord' **and** the 'Majesty of our God'. (Read the Tract "The Glory of the Lord" by Timothy II)

2 **It shall blossom** (break forth) **abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing**: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, **they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency** (Majesty) **of our God**.

We **will** be "Glad" and "Rejoice" in His Salvation.

### **Isa 25:8-9**

8 **He will swallow up death in victory**; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. **this is the LORD**; we have waited for him, **we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation**.

The poor (destitute and needy) **will** "Rejoice" in the Holy One of Israel and the meek (humble and lowly) **shall increase** their "Joy" in the Lord.

### **Isa 29:18-19**

18 **And in that day** shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

19 **The meek** (humble and lowly) **also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor** (destitute and needy) **among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel**.

We **will** "Rejoice" and **be** "Glad" at the coming of the 'Marriage of the Lamb'.

### **Rev 19:5-8**

5 **And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great**.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 **Let us be glad and rejoice**, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come**, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Once the Church has been Translated and we have gone to be with Jesus, then we **shall return with Him** with **everlasting** “Joy”. (Read the Study Guide “The Translation of the Church” by Timothy II)

**Isa 35:10 Isa 51:11**

10 **And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Once we have returned with Jesus in the Millennium, “Joy” and “Gladness” **will** be found in Zion.

**Isa 51:3**

3 **For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.**

**Isa 52:8-9**

8 **Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.**

9 **Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.**

**Isa 55:12**

12 **For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Zion will be the permanent Capital of the Lord and an ‘Eternal Excellency (Majesty)’ and a “Joy” of every generation.

**Isa 60:14-15**

14 **The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and **they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion** (permanent Capital) **of the Holy One of Israel.****

15 **Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, **I will make thee an eternal excellency** (Majesty), **a joy of many** (every) **generations.****

There will be **no more** mourning but rather only the “Oil of Joy” in Zion.

**Isa 61:3**

3 **To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.**

After the Millennium God **will create** a **New Heavens** and a **New Earth** and the former will not be remembered. We will then be “Glad” and “Rejoice” **forever**. (Revelation 21:1-3)

**Isa 65:14**

14 **Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.**

**Isa 65:17-19**

17 **For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**

18 **But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.**

19 **And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people:** and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

## **XXIV. THE WICKED:**

Some of us have questioned the Lord about why some of the ‘wicked’ and proud people in the world are “Happy”.

### **Jer 12:1**

1 Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet **let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore (why) doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore (why) are all they happy that deal very treacherously?**

### **Mal 3:14-15**

14 **Ye have said, It is vain to serve God:** and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

15 **And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up (built up); yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.**

The answer to this question is that they are only **temporarily** “Happy”, but **soon** the Lord shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with **His** truth.

### **Ps 96:10-13**

10 **Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth:** the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: **he shall judge the people righteously.**

11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;** let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12 **Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:** then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice

13 **Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

## **CONCLUSION:**

The following is the Conclusion on ‘How To’ “Be Happy”.

As Servants of the Lord, one of the ways we can have **True “Happiness”** is by exercising humility. (Proverbs 15:33 18:12 22:4)

### **1 Pet 5:5**

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, **all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**

Jesus gave us an example of this by washing His disciple's feet. When I first learned this, I washed my wife's feet! Have you?

**John 13:14-17**

14 **If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.**

15 **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.**

16 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.**

True "**Happiness**" is not just knowing about the things of the Lord but **DOING THEM!**

17 **If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

If you **Trust** in the Lord you should "Rejoice" and continually shout for "Joy". If you **Love** His Name, be "Joyful" **in** Him because He **will** Bless the righteous and **will** protect you and give you favor.

**Ps 5:11-12**

11 **But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever (continually) shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.**

12 **For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass (protect) him as with a shield.**

Let us therefore lay aside **every** weight and sin and run the race of life with **patience**, remembering that Jesus endured the cross and the shame, for the "Joy" that was set before Him.

**Heb 12:1-3**

1 **Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 **Looking 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Therefore, who are we to be weary and faint?

3 **For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.**

Always remember, there are **many** Brethren who are praying for you that God will fulfill all the good "Pleasure" of His Goodness **in** you, so that the Name of Jesus may be glorified **in** you and you **in** Him.

**II Th 1:11-12**

11 **Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:**

12 **That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is because **You** are their “Joy” and crown; therefore, **stand fast** (persevere) in the Lord.

**Phil 4:1**

1 **Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast (persevere) in the Lord, my dearly beloved.**

**COMPLETE HAPPINESS AND FULLNESS OF JOY!**

If you want to have “Complete Happiness” and “Fullness of Joy” then listen to this Word of God!

**I Jn 1:4**

4 **And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.**

“Complete Happiness” and “Fullness of Joy” comes to us **only** when we are in the **Presence** of the Lord. Therefore, enter as often as possible into **His Presence** through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Hebrews 9:24)

**Ps 16:11**

11 **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

**1 Chr 16:27**

27 **Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in his place.**

Remember, **Jesus is Coming Soon!** He has sent His Messenger to Prepare the Way before Him and the Lord whom you “Delight” in will come **suddenly** to His Temple.

**Mal 3:1**

1 **Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.**

And **you are** our Hope and “Joy” and the Crown of “Rejoicing” in the Presence of the Lord at His Coming.

**1Thes 2:19-20**

19 **For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?**

20 **For ye are our glory and joy.**

Both now and forever, let there be Glory, Majesty, Dominion and Power to our Savior who **will** present you faultless before His Presence with exceeding “Joy”.

**Jude 1:24-25**

24 **Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

25 **To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.**

**AMEN!**  
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