



The Fruit (Force) Of Joy!



JOY!

¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. – Galatians 5:18 – 23 (NKJV)

- You don't wait for joy to come, you make it happen. Joy is a _____.
- You are the one to generate joy around you. You don't program sorrow by spreading bad news and expect joy to surround you.
- *"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."* – Psalm 150:6
- **MAKE PRAISE HAPPEN! IT BEGINS WITH BEING JOYFUL.**
- When you are intoxicated with joy, it explodes in praises.

GENERATE JOY

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His Presence with singing." – Psalm 100:1 – 2

- One of the greatest assets to fulfillment in life is **JOY**.
- When you are _____, you are helpless. That explains why downcast people are always going down, because it takes a boosted morale to make a definite and outstanding mark in life.
- Some people are always unhappy and they can't even explain why they are that way. They sag, slump and wonder, "Why is every other person laughing?"
- It takes a glad heart to give acceptable praise to God.
- It's not just the singing that registers your praise in heaven, it is worshipping and celebrating God from a heart full of joy that provokes Him to come down in the midst of your praises.

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF

- Sorrow and broken-heartedness thrive on the past, concentrating on failures, mishaps, missed opportunities, insults and assaults.
- But a life of _____ on contrary focuses on the future. It is full of expectation for a bright and better tomorrow. Many people expect good things, but very few believe that it will come to pass.
- It is only by focusing on the future that you are guaranteed a continuous flow of _____. Jesus despised the shame of the cross, because He focused His mind on the joy of the future that was set before Him.
- So, bury your past failures. It is irreparable. There is nothing you can do about it. The only way to prove that you are not a failure is to joyfully put your best into the present, in order to arrive at that successful future that you dream of. _____ **WILL GIVE YOU THE ENDURANCE TO IGNORE THE NEGATIVE FORCES AROUND YOU AND REACH OUT FOR THAT GLORIOUS FUTURE.**
- When your spirit is broken, your entire countenance goes down and your life starts crawling (Proverbs 18:14; Proverbs 4:23)
- If you over-expose yourself to heart-breaking news, you stop life from delivering its goodness to you. If you enjoy telling or hearing bad news, you cannot maintain _____.



Why Rejoice?



MAKE THE CHOICE TO REJOICE!

- [Read Philippians 3:1, Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; and 1 Thessalonians 5:16](#)
- _____ is an act of faith!
- Rejoicing will enable us to make progress in difficult times.
- Webster defines "REJOICE" as: (1) to give joy to; (2) gladden [Rejoice literally means "to rekindle the JOY", "to stir up the JOY"]
- If you only knew what was on the other side of rejoicing you would do it every day!
- _____ IS THE SECRET OF _____ AND _____! REFRESHING AND REVIVING YOUR JOY THROUGH REJOICING, YOU HAVE FOUND THE SECRET TO _____ AND _____.
- C.S. Lewis once said this statement – *"Joy is the serious business of heaven!"*
 - That means when you have joy and when you in joy God our Father and heaven is taking care of business for us.
 - Our Father God brings us out of our difficulties, problems and predicaments in JOY! ([Isaiah 55:12a](#))
- [John 16:23-24](#) – *"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."*
- *"...your joy no one will take from you."* – [John 16:22](#)
- *"But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice."* – [Psalm 68:3](#)
- YOU AND I ARE _____ TO LAUGH!
- There is _____ power of laughter - [Read Proverbs 17:22](#)

THE SECRET POWER OF JOY

- [Read Acts 13:52; Romans 14:17; James 1:2](#)
- **Count** = to _____ (it is a financial term)
- If we value the _____ and the _____ more than the _____, we will not be able to _____.
- If we live only for the _____ and forget the _____, then trials will make us _____, not _____.
- OUTLOOK determines _____; to END with joy, _____ with joy.
- How Long Do We Rejoice? _____ evermore - [1 Thessalonians 5:16](#)
- When and Where Do We Rejoice? [Philippians 4:4](#)
- WHEN YOU _____ BEFORE GOD, YOU BECOME _____ CONSCIOUS!
- *"At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh..."* - [Job 5:22](#)
- *"He mocketh at fear..."* - [Job 39:22](#) [mocketh = _____]

