

**Psalm 144:12-15 NLT**

**12** May our sons flourish in their youth  
like well-nurtured plants.

May our daughters be like graceful pillars,  
carved to beautify a palace.

**13** May our barns be filled  
with crops of every kind.

May the flocks in our fields multiply by the thousands,  
even tens of thousands,

**14** and may our oxen be loaded down with produce.

May there be no enemy breaking through our walls,  
no going into captivity,  
no cries of alarm in our town squares.

**15** Yes, joyful are those who live like this!

Joyful indeed are those whose God is the Lord.

Fruitful!

**John 15:5a NIV** 5 “I am the *vine*; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear *much fruit*;

love

value

honest talk

**John 15:11-17 NKJV** 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain,

that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

## Easy

### **Matthew 11:29-30 NIV**

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**John 15:11 NKJV** 11 “These things I have spoken to you, that *My joy* may remain in you, and *that your joy* may be full.

## There’s Joy

“Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional; we cannot avoid pain but we can avoid joy.”

**Philippians 4:4 NLT** 4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

### **Proverbs 15:15 NLT**

“For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.”

**John 15:13-15 NKJV** 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his *friends*. 14 You are My *friends* if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you *friends*, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. Which is more important...asked the rabbit to the turtle. The journey or the destination? Neither. The turtle answered. The company. The friendship. In a healthy relationship with Jesus and others..

## There's Friendship

### **Proverbs 17:17 NLT**

17 A friend is always loyal,  
and a brother is born to help in time of need.

**John 15:14 NKJV** 14 You are My friends *if* you do whatever I command you.

## There's Unity

Religion says, I obey therefore I'm loved. Relationship says, I am loved therefore I obey.

**John 15:16 NKJV** 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

## It's chosen

**1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV** 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.