

In Joy....Then....Enjoy

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1. We think if we **ENJOY** things and people then we will be able to live in **JOY**.
2. Joy can be had regardless of **CIRCUMSTANCES**.
3. An assessment of where Americans are with regard to joy will show that the wealthiest nation on earth is not that high on the **JOY METER**.
4. Chuck Swindoll says joy is the gigantic secret of Christians and it's often conspicuous by its **ABSENCE**.
5. We as believers are to live our lives above the **CIRCUMSTANCES**.
6. People who live above their circumstances usually possess a well-developed sense of **HUMOR**.
7. Our circumstances are what God uses to **TEACH** us the lessons He wants us to learn in order to be powerful in His Kingdom.
8. Many of us find ourselves in the **IF-ONLY** group.
9. Joyful people do not depend on excitement and fun that comes from **OUTSIDE** sources.
10. Paul had every reason to be without **JOY**.
11. Paul saw his circumstances as an **OPPORTUNITY** to make Christ known as he made the best of his situation.
12. When Paul compared staying on **EARTH** to leaving and going to be with Jesus, he was **JOYFUL**.

13. When Paul communicated the **CORE** of what he wanted them to hear from him, he was full of **JOY**.
14. When God's **GRACE** is at work in someone, it is easy to identify with them and with their work in the Kingdom of God.
15. We must avoid that sneaky **THIEF** that comes to our minds and reminds us of something in our past that demoralizes.
16. Joyful people stay riveted to the **PRESENT**. the here and now and not the then and never.
17. If God is God, then **LAUGHTER** and joy fits life.
18. God is not an idea or someone who is **DISTANT**.
19. We find that Paul pulled every bit of **JOY** he could out of every day.
20. There is laughter in **LIVING, SERVING, SHARING, AND RESTING**.
21. There are basically two kinds of people: people who choose **JOY** and people who don't.
22. Joy is a **REFLECTION** of a person's confidence in God.
23. Joy begins to build when we rest our full **CONFIDENCE** in God.
24. What we fill our minds with is what we think about **NOW and LATER**.
25. Paul calls for **UNITY** and says: a spirit of harmony would make my joy complete.
26. Paul is affirming, contented, flexible, and **CONFIDENT**.
27. And my God shall supply all your **NEEDS** according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.