

I Promise...

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Joy

"I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have and so that your joy will be the fullest possible joy."

John 15:11 NCV

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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV

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

How To Always Be Full Of Joy

1. Focus On Giving Rather Than Receiving.

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." **Acts 20:35b GNT**

Learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient...This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people.

2 Peter 1:6-7a TLB

2. Focus On Healing Rather Than Hurting.

We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.

Romans 5:3-4 NCV

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5b AMPC

3. Focus On God's Power Rather Than My Problem.

Trust in (God) at all times . . . pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:8 NIV

I will go...to God—the source of all my joy.

Psalm 43:4a NLT

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

Romans 14:17 NIV