

# HOW TO BE JOYFUL NO MATTER WHAT

How to Enjoy the Rest of Your Life – Part 2

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Philippians 1:12-26

"...I rejoice...and I will continue to rejoice." (vs. 18)

## THE FOUR ESSENTIALS FOR JOYFUL LIVING

### I. I NEED A PERSPECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12-14)

Paul's view of his circumstances:

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." (vs. 12)

When I face problems joyfully:

- It (vs. 13) \_\_\_\_\_
- It (vs. 14) \_\_\_\_\_

"And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him..."  
Romans 8:28

LESSON: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. I NEED A PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_ (VS. 15-18)

Paul's response to his critics:

"But what does it matter? THE IMPORTANT THING is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice." (vs. 18)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."  
Proverbs 3:5-6

LESSON: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. I NEED A POWER \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19-20)

Paul's source of strength:

"...I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed..." (vs. 9)

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me."  
Philippians 4:13 (GNT)

LESSON: \_\_\_\_\_

IV. I NEED A PURPOSE \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 20-26)

Paul's reason for living:

*"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (vs. 21)*

*"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 3:13-14*

Paul's concern:

(vs. 21-26)

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