



HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR JOY

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

“Finally my brothers, REJOICE in the Lord! it is no trouble for me to write the same thing to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.” (vs. 1)

THREE SAFEGUARDS FOR KEEPING YOUR JOY

I. RESIST

Definition of Legalism:

“Watch out for those who do evil, those dogs, men who insist on cutting the body. ... we worship God by his Spirit and rejoice in our life in Christ Jesus. We do not put any trust in external ceremonies.” vs. 2-3 (GN)

SAFEGUARD #1: _____

Paul's Background: vs. 4-6

5 Examples of Legalism: Trusting in ...

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.” Rom. 14:17

II. REEVALUATE

“But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” vs. 7-8



“I consider it all mere garbage compared to being able to win Christ...” (Ph)

SAFEGUARD #2: _____

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15

III. REFOCUS _____

“I want to KNOW Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death.” v. 10

“For my determined purpose is that I may KNOW Christ -- that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving, and recognizing and understanding Him more strongly and more clearly ...” (Amplified Version)

3 Ways To Grow In Knowing Christ

(Jesus) “Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and your joy will be complete.” John 16:14