

# Wide Awake and Ready! I Thessalonians

## How to Live Like a King's Kid! Part 2 - 5:16



*In the meantime . . .*

Joyful - chairo: To be cheerful,  
to rejoice exceedingly!

**Always be joyful!**

Always - pantote: at all times.

**(A present, active, imperative)**

Only source of joy? Knowing God.

## The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God  
and to enjoy Him forever.**



*Our Lord and God,  
You are worthy to receive  
glory and honor and power,  
because You have created all things,  
and because of Your will  
they exist and were created.*

Revelation 4:11



To “rejoice always” is a command that is impossible to keep apart from personal communion with God.

Joy is a measure rather than a goal.

“Father, command what you will and grant what you command.”

John 15:11

**Clarification: “Rejoice in the Lord always!”**  
**Philippians 3:1**



The greatest joy? To fulfill our created purpose  
= to worship Him.

*But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; **for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.***

John 4:23 (NASB)

proskyneo: To kiss the hand in a token of reverence. To kneel or prostration.



***If you spend yourself looking for happiness,  
you'll find only disappointment.***

***If you spend your life seeking communion  
with God, the by-product will be joy.***

**The Riches of the Kingdom = *attributes***

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

**Romans 14:17**

“God is not a mortal like me,  
so I cannot argue with him or take him to trial.  
If only there were a mediator between us,  
someone who could bring us together.  
The mediator could make God stop beating me,  
and I would no longer live in terror of his punishment.  
Then I could speak to him without fear,  
but I cannot do that in my own strength.”

Job 9:32-35 & 16:21, 22



*This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

**I Timothy 2:3-6**