



**Victory in the Vine:  
Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit  
Part 7 – How to Find & Keep Your Joy**

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**Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**, “<sup>22</sup>But the **Holy Spirit** produces this kind of **fruit** in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** <sup>23</sup>**gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against these things!”

**Proverbs 17:22 (NASB)**, “**A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.**”

**1. Joy is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 51:10-12 (NLT)**, “<sup>10</sup>Create in me a **clean heart**, O God. Renew a **loyal spirit** within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the **joy of your salvation**, and make me willing to **obey you.**”

- **Happiness comes from \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Joy comes from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 15:10-11 (NLT)**, “<sup>10</sup>When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you these things so that you will be **filled with my joy.** Yes, your **joy will overflow!**”

**2. Joy is a deliberate a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Happiness happens by \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Joy happens by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Psalms 118:24 (NLT)**, “**This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**”

**James 1:2-3 (NLT)**, “<sup>2</sup>**When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.** <sup>3</sup>**For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.**”

**Romans 8:28 (NLT)**, “And we know that God causes **everything** to work **together** for the **good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

**3. Joy is an \_\_\_\_\_ job.**

**Philippians 4:4 (NIV)**, “**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**”

- **Happiness is based on \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Joy is based on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Philippians 4:11-12(a) (NIV)**, “<sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be **content, whatever the circumstances.** <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.”

**Philippians 4:12(b)-13 (NIV)**, “I have learned the **secret of being content** in any and **every situation**, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup>I can do all this through **Him** who gives me **strength.**”

**4. Joy increases when \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Luke 6:38 (NLT)**, “**Give**, and you will **receive.** Your **gift will return to you in full** – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, **running over**, and poured into your lap. The amount you **give** will **determine** the amount you **get back.**”

- **Happiness is found in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Joy is found in \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Acts 20:35**, “It is more blessed to **give** than to **receive.**”

**Philippians 2:3 (NIV)**, “<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or **vain conceit.** Rather, in humility value **others** above yourselves.”

**Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV)**, “<sup>4</sup>Not looking to **your own interests** but each of you to the **interests of the others.** <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the **same mindset** as Christ Jesus.”

**Hebrews 12:2 (NASB)**, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for **the joy set before him endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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